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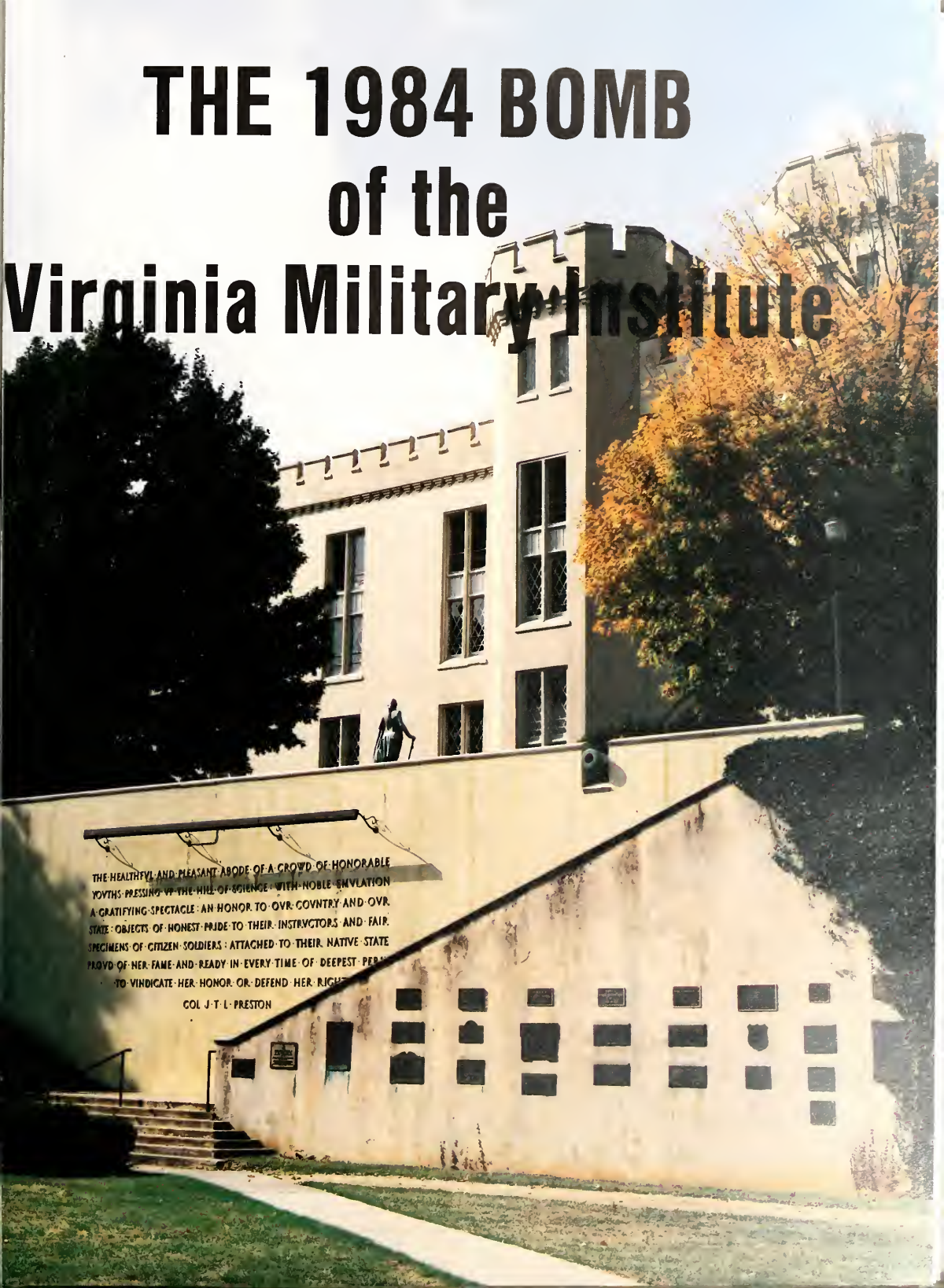

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A Year of Change

In a system where tradition and permanence are the rule, and change the exception, it is indeed a difficult task to put forth a detailed summary of the events which set one year apart from the tens of years preceeding it. In the year 1984, however, the exception, in the eyes of the Corps, became the precedent as the Corps felt many of its cherished traditions, such as a barracks run by the First Class, were thrown to the wayside by the administration. The Ratline, which all Cadets hold as a true testimonial to the spirit and fortitude of those Cadets who have been able to overcome it, was so changed as to leave what many Cadets considered to be a mere shadow of its former self. It seemed to many that the traditions and values which for so many years had been passed on from dyke to dyke wound up as useless memories and ideas of an era past.

The year began as any other with the usual intense level of academics, military regimen, and seemingly pointless military duties. The Cadre period, it was felt, had gone very well, and the First Class, confident in its ability to support a strong Ratline, saw little or no trouble on the horizon. It was only a month into the semester, however, when problems began to appear. Changes in administrative policies

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toward the RDC, along with some disagreements on new Blue Book regulations sparked a show of force by the First Class. En route to DRC formation the first classmen, along with several sympathetic underclassmen, deposited their copies of the Blue Book in the Old Courtyard Sentenal Box as the Commandant stood by watching. In an attempt to re-open communication channels between the Corps and the administration, Col. Snyder called a meeting with the First Class. The commandant, upon hearing the grievances of the Corps, was very responsive to their complaints, and managed to work out many of the problems to the satisfaction of both parties. The Commandant did, however, indicate in his meeting with the First Class that many of the policies complained about were not of his making, and he could do very little to change them. He did, however, agree to make the feelings of the Corps known at the opposite end of the Parade Ground through the channels of communication open to him. Satisfied that all had been settled, or soon would be, the barracks returned to a state of normalcy . . . academics, along with the pace of the Ratline continued to increase. Wrapped up in their own private world of stiff academics, thoughts of graduation, and attempting to teach their dykes the skills

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necessary to make it through VMI, the First Class was caught totally unprepared for the series of changes the administration began in mid-October.

Unknown to the majority of the Corps, a series of meetings between the Cadet Captains and the Commandant were held, and plans to integrate the Rats into Old Corps Ranks were initiated. In addition to integration in ranks, a new Mess hall seating plan was devised which called for all members of the Corps to have assigned seats, and the dispersement of Rats throughout the tables. When news of these changes reached the First Class, they were outraged at having been left out of such an important decision. The Corps, and especially the First Class, felt that such an act by the administration constituted a violation of Corps territory as they considered the Ratline theirs to run. The First Class argued that by breaking up the Rat Battalion the Rats would no longer receive the intense level of pressure in ranks that could be generated in Rat Ranks by the Cadre. In response to the complaints about integration, the administration pointed out that early Rat integration had, for years, been the rule, and it was only in very recent history that the Rat Battalion

had been maintained throughout the Ratline. Against the wishes of many members of the Corps, integration eventually became a reality with plans for mess hall integration to follow shortly thereafter. The First Class under an increasing atmosphere of apathy began to question its worth as a class. Unable to fight integration in ranks, it was decided that mess hall integration would not be allowed.

Following up on the classes decision to fight mess hall integration, Regimental Commander, Jim Kenkel, twice refused the administrations order to integrate. After managing to hold off integration for a while longer, word came back across the Parade Ground that the Adminstration had the avowed support of the Board of Visitors, and such mutinous behavior would not be tolerated. The First Class, with the threat of possible dismissal for some of its members, was forced to shy away from a confrontation. Mess hall integration soon came into being with the exception that only Rats had assigned seating. With these new policies firmly instituted, the Corps could only look ahead, placing the future of the "I" squarely on the shoulders of the administration . . .

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SOCIAL

Bubba Byrne bustin' loose after a hard day in the Machines lab.

Not **TOO** Many beers . . . eh Bill?

General Permit

Wednesday, 1615 hrs . . . VMI barracks. The barracks is silent except for the occasional sound of a Rat making his way up the stairs to the fourth stoop, or the distant yells emitted by a few distraught Cadets forced to march PT's in payment for their "Crimes against Humanity." Upon second look one begins to notice the absence of those "Men in White" . . . those "Fighting Keydets" . . . "The Virginia Militia's Finest" . . . the Corps is nowhere to be found. Holed up in their rooms you ask? . . . Doubtful!

Sucking Suds at Estelles is more likely, or perhaps terrorizing students of the female persuasion at their favorite local girls college. Whatever the Cadet's favorite pastime . . . G.P. (General Playtime) is a Cadet's favorite time to do it in. As a Rat I was once asked, by some unknown Third Classman, who General Permit was . . . even as a First I'm still not sure, but God bless the man for whom our brief period of funtime was named!

Matt Garten, Clay Goss, and "Dirt Bag" . . . "How 'bout that Natty Bo?"

Bill Janis and friends take it upon themselves to break in this young Citadel Cadet to the ways of a VMI Cadet.

Pete Marsenison on one of his frequent visits to Southern Sem.

Dan Grillone and Kelly Green enjoy each other's company at a Southern Sem Mixer.

Jim Spellman and Jim Harvey contemplate the lighter side of life as a VMI Cadet . . . with a little help of course!

The "Five-0 Crew," alias the "Gold Coast Transients," dealin' at a Zollomans Party.

G.P. the perfect time for a romantic rendezvous with the "little lady" . . . eh Scott!

Who *is* the real Bud Man?

Woo Kirtley and friends hangin' around at the VMI-W&L Spring Fling.

Bill Janis, Frank Kollmansperger, and Jamie Shoemaker take time out to enjoy a RMWC Dell Party.

At the start of a new season of Zollomans Parties, Wet Beaver offers Paul Marsenison the opportunity to "dust off" his civies.

The VMI Weekend

At most civilian colleges the gross amount of time alloted by its students for socializing, womanizing, and general misbehavior appears to the VMI Cadet as being taken for granted. Here at our wonderful Institute of higher learning, Cadets have learned to pack more social life into a mere 32 hours than your most avid party-going fraternity president . . . Minks included! The 1984 BOMB salutes that spirit, that drive, that will to overcome the oppressive unsocial atmosphere we live under here at the "Mother I." Hey Keydet . . . this Bud's for you!

John Munno and Chip Akers at the VMI/W&L Spring Fling.

Bob Eperson exposing himself at the Spring Fling.

Jim Kenkel calls the football team to attention.

A thirsty Jeff Perkins contemplates the repercussions of yet another Keydet loss.

Chip Downey a dancin' fool.

1984 Homecoming Queen

Miss Singstock is a seventeen year old freshman at NOVA Community College where she enjoys photography, and is a part-time model. Her escort was Fourth Classman Steve Robinson.

Miss Suzi Singstock

Miss Mary Ann Cox, the Delta Company Representative, is a twenty year old sophomore at Mary Washington College where she enjoys singing and playing the piano. Her escort was First Classman Jeffrey Roach.

1984 Homecoming Court

Miss Susan Woltz, the Bravo Company Representative, is a sophomore at the University of Virginia where she majors in Economics, is a member of the Phi Mu Sorority, and likes to play tennis. Miss Woltz also plans to attend law school. Her escort was First Classman David Stevenson.

Miss Tammy Brown, the Echo Company Representative, is a twenty one year old senior at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga where she is president of the Blue Key Honor Society and a member of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority. Her escort was First Classman Mark Johnston.

Miss Julie Walker, the Alpha Company Representative, is an eighteen year old freshman at Meredith College where she majors in Business. Her pastimes include cheerleading, and swimming. Miss Walker's escort was Third Classman Gary Fuller.

Miss Anita Lowery, the Band Company Representative, is a nineteen year old sophomore at Virginia Commonwealth University. She is a Business major and enjoys modeling, waterskiing, and dancing. Her escort was Second Classman Mike Jernigan.

Miss Gile Carpenter, the Foxtrot Company Representative, is a twenty one year old Senior at the University of North Carolina where she majors in Business. Her hobbies include tennis and golf. Her escort was Second Classman Bob Ellis.

Posing for a group shot at Homecoming Hops.

Even dancing in a hot wool coatee does little to ruin the good time had by Cadets at a Hop.

Hop Season

A VMI Hop weekend is something to behold! To the casual observer, it might seem strange to see cadets and their dates staring at their watches while the band is blasting away onstage. Furthermore, once the clock reaches 11:00, everyone clears out of Cocke Hall and goes their separate ways. But these industrious cadets are not ones to waste their precious hours of GP; and believe me, those extra hours are hard to come by and all too easy to let slip by! Even though a Hop sometimes seems like an exercise in frustration, they really are a lot of fun. So girls, if you're looking for a good time and a chance to show off your long dress, don't balk at an invitation to a VMI Hop. You won't regret accepting.

Time out to show off each other's dates.

Dancin' to the tunes played by one of the great bands chosen by the Hop and Floor Comm.

Dan Grinnel, Bill Powell, and dates enjoy dancing in the fresh air of Memorial Gardens.

Cadets and their dates take a break from the rigorous Academic atmospheres of their respective colleges during Opening Hops.

Opening Hops the first major social event of the year for Cadets.

Making up for lost time during one of the few chances to be alone with his girl, Marty Mason really enjoys this Hop.

The smiling faces of the many beautiful girls, attest to the fun time had by all at VMI Hops.

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EVENTS

Editor:
Mike Sullivan

As with most big weekends at VMI, the presence of beautiful women on post makes Parent's Weekend a much looked forward to event.

The Corps of Cadets on review for their Parents.

For many Rats. Parent's Weekend is the first big opportunity to show their parents the new "lifestyle" they have chosen as Cadets of the Virginia Military Institute.

Parent's Weekend

With the turning of the seasonal leaves, the advent of Autumn brought a long awaited event to the Institute, the annual Parent's Weekend. It was a time for upperclass cadets to relax and visit openly with their parents and for new cadets to brandish their newly acquired hairstyles (not to mention a quick rub on the head by the baby sisters, brothers, mothers, fathers, etc., etc., etc.) and retell their harrowing experiences of homesickness, the RDC and other forms of college life.

Parent's Weekend opened up formally on Friday, September 30. That afternoon the Superintendent and Mrs. Walker held the annual reception for cadets and their parents at their home. Friday evening the VMI Soccer Team hosted Marshal University under the lights of Patchin Field. The soccer game was followed by musical entertainment from the VMI Glee Club in Jackson Memorial Hall. Saturday morning opened with a review parade followed by the VMI-Furman football game that afternoon on Alumni Memorial Field. Following the game, the movie "Brother Rat" was shown in the ballroom of Lejeune Hall. On Sunday morning between 9:00 and 10:00 the barracks was opened to give family members the opportunity to see how cadets live here at VMI.

Families line the stoop as many of them get their first peek at the luxurious accommodations afforded Cadets in barracks.

Ring Figure Weekend

As the Corps celebrated its 144th anniversary the Seconds were far away in a world all their own. In a year that varied from the norm this year's Ring Figure was no exception, as it fell on Founders Day. The traditional Founders Day ceremonies combined with the Ring Figure ceremonies left the Second Class with a very tight schedule on Friday. After dancing to The Kings of Swing the class departed for the post dance celebrations.

Saturday's activities proved to be a success. After a 14-12 victory over the University of Maine the Second Class left for Roanoke and reintroduced Ring Figure to the Roanoke Hotel. After dancing to the sound of First Class the class proceeded to take part in numerous extra-extracurricular activities, only to return to barracks Sunday night.

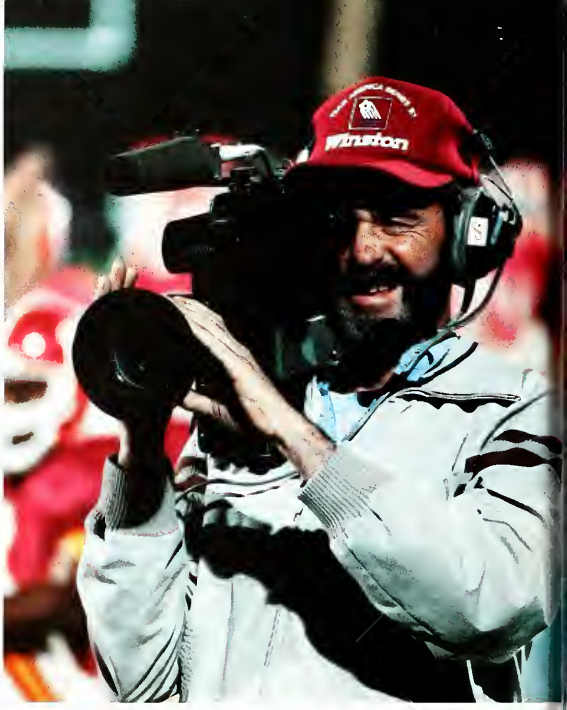
As all Ring Figures this one will hold fond memories for the Class of 1985 as they apporach their First Class year and Graduation.

Preparing for the big night, these members of the Class of 1985 add the finishing touches to the massive ring through which they, and their classmates will escort their dates.

General Walker speaks to the Class of 1985 about the inherent responsibilities to the Institute acquired by those who wear the ring.

The Class of '85 assumes the reins of Corps leadership for a weekend.

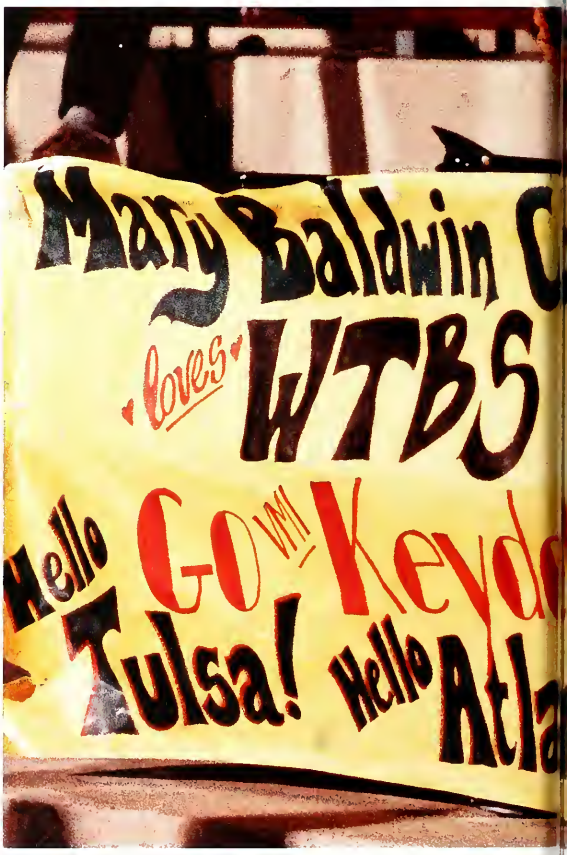
Citadel Game Draws National T.V. Coverage



THE DATE: October 6, 1983
THE TIME: 8:00 PM
THE PLACE: Alumni Memorial Field
THE EVENT: The Military Classic of The South

On October 6, 1983, the Citadel Bulldogs and the VMI Keydets met for the 43rd time. This year's meeting was just a little bit different than the preceeding 42. Before an audience of 28 million, Ted Turner and WTBS broadcast "The Military Classic of The South" on national television.

The VMI Keydets led the series 28-18-1 going into the game. However, the past record did not stop the Bulldogs from claiming a 27-6 victory over the Keydets and retaining the Silver Shako, the traditional trophy of the event which was first presented in 1975.



A WTBS Cameraman zooms in on the action.

The VMI Class of '45 makes their presence known at the "Military Classic of the South."

A cameraman captures the spectacular halftime show put on by The Old Guard for millions of viewers across the Nation.

Mary Baldwin College shows their "Off-Campus" support for the fighting Keydets.

A New Monument

In recognition of the citizen soldier, VMI and the Society of the Cincinnati dedicated the Citizen-Soldier-Cincinnatus Monument on Founder's Day, November 11, 1983.

VMI and the Society of the Cincinnati share the common bond of the citizen-soldier, the principle upon which both the Society and VMI are founded, and in recognition of that mutual tie and in appreciation of support the Society has given the Institute over the years, several presentations were made by VMI to the organization. Principal among the gifts was an original bronze statuette of the Roman soldier Cincinnatus, who has long been recognized as the role model of the citizen-soldier and from whom the Society took its name.

The Society of the Cincinnati was founded at the conclusion of the American Revolutionary War in 1783 by officers of the Continental Army, with constituent societies in each of the 13 original states and in France. General George Washington, who was called the "Cincinnatus of the West," was elected the first President General of the Society. Colonel Catesby Jones, a 1913 VMI graduate, served as President General in 1956-59, and today his son, Catesby B. Jones, a 1946 VMI graduate and immediate past president of the Virginia Society, is the national President General. They are the only father-son team to hold the Society's highest office and the only Virginians who have been elected to the office since Washington.

The guest speaker for the dedication ceremony, the Honorable Catesby B. Jones, '47.

The Corps watches the dedication ceremonies for the new Cincinnatus Monument.

The Cincinnatus Monument, a tribute to the Citizen-Soldier Ideal.

Col. George M. Brooke, Jr., '36 introduces the guest speaker for the dedication ceremony.

2nd Lt. Mark Jamison, VMI Class of 1983 and most recent recipient of the Society of Cincinnati Medal, helps unveil the monument.

President Ford's Visit

On Wednesday, 5 October, former president Gerald R. Ford spoke to a large audience at Cameron Hall. The first speaker in the VMI H. B. Johnson, Jr., '26 Distinguished Lecture Series, the thirty-eighth president defied his reputation as a poor speaker, by entertaining the audience with not only a plethora of jokes at the beginning but also a patriotic call for the United States to reaffirm its position as the greatest power in the world.

The President related that six weeks ago he had hosted the Second World Forum in Vail, Colorado. Former heads of state from France, West Germany, Great Britain, and Australia as well as top executives of many corporations in the United States were among those in attendance. While they were encouraged by the world economic progress this past year, they were concerned as to whether the progress would continue, and the effect of "nationalistic tariff barriers." The challenge of the Soviet Union was also discussed as well as the need of the free world to "strengthen its strategic and conventional capabilities." Ford reflected on his pride felt when other world leaders turned to the United States for relief in the face of Soviet threat.

In regard to appropriate fiscal and monetary policy, Ford warned of the ill effects that continued deficits in government spendings could have. He praised President Reagan's current efforts to reduce the rate of government expenditures.

Ford concluded his speech by reiterating the importance of America's continued strength in the world. His presence, coupled with his reputation as a staunch Republican was well received by the conservative audience. President Ford's visit will long be remembered and appreciated by the community.

The Corps of Cadets listens intently as President Ford discusses his ideas for American domestic policy.

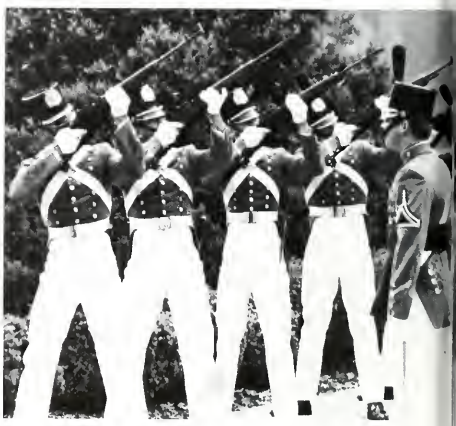
While waiting for the Corps Review, President Ford has a chance to meet the members of General Walker's Staff.

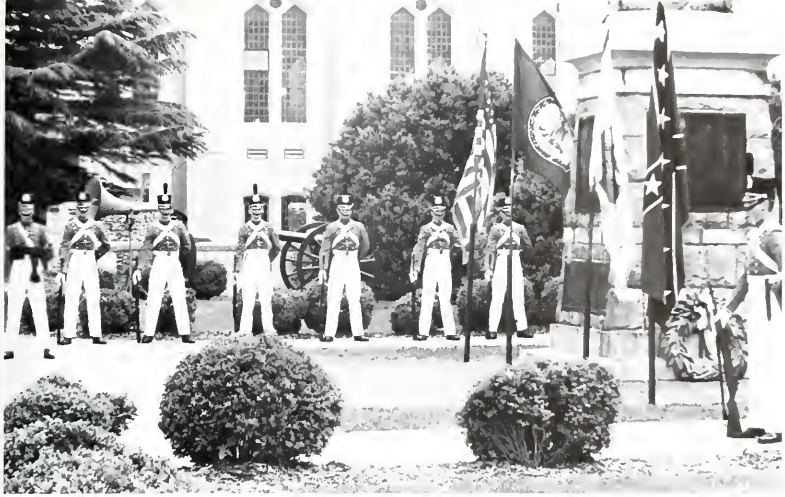
President Ford reviews the Virginia Military Institute Corps of Cadets.

President Ford begins the VMI H. B. Johnson, Jr. '26 Distinguished Lecture Series with his address to the Corps and public in Cameron Hall.

"Virginia Mourning Her Dead"

The Honor Guard marches to its position in front of the statue.





The Honor Guard stands at Parade Rest in front of the graves of the New Market Cadets.

Laying the wreath at the foot of Virginia Mourning Her Dead.

The Honor Guard fires a salute in honor of the ten deceased New Market Cadets.

New Market Day

The Battle of New Market was fought on the Bushong Farm in New Market, Virginia. Here the Union Forces under General Sigel, advancing down the Valley to attack Lee's flank, were stopped by a rag tag Confederate force under General Breckenridge. A minor battle, a victory for a doomed cause, but a vital moment in the history of the Virginia Military Institute. In the "field of the lost shoes" 250 cadets entered history and legend, 57 became casualties, 10 died, and VMI became the only military college to enter battle as a unit in all of American Military History. Yet it became more than a chapter in the history of a decisive war, it became a heritage of harbor and commitment The Institute would expect of all her sons. Each year on May 15 the battle is commemorated and the valiant dead honored and in time many of the men standing in the gray and white of the Corps had become the sons and grandsons and great grandsons of the men who fought against the stars and bars for which the men lying beneath the statue died, but they were more than men now, more than a cause, more than North or South, they were the stuff of legend and dream, they are symbols of pride and honor and spirit and the very soul of our school.

The Class of 1978, grand-dykes of the present First Class, return for their 5 year reunion.

From atop the Sentinel Box, Class leaders from the Old Corps lead their classes in Old Yells.

Alumni Weekend

This year seven classes returned to the Institute to celebrate their reunions on Alumni Reunion Weekend. Under a new format recently adopted by the Alumni Association, classes celebrating odd number reunions will return in the Fall while even numbered reunions will take place in the Spring. All classes will celebrate reunions every five years.

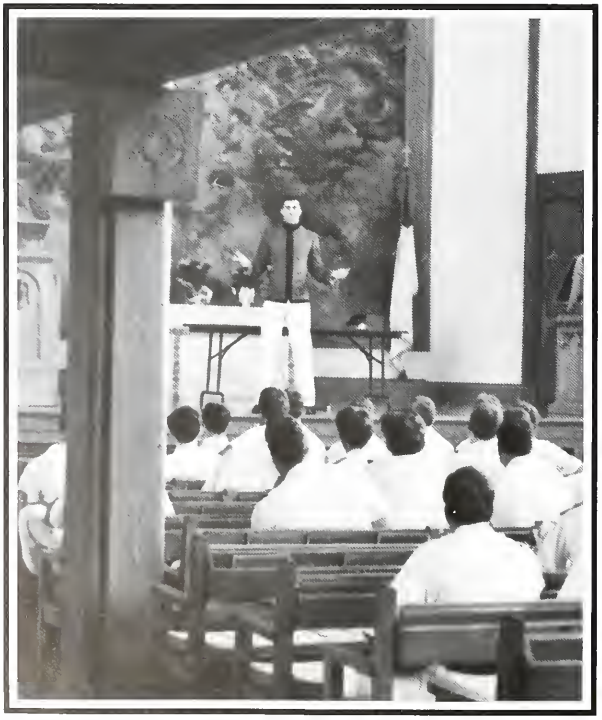
This year the classes of 1938, '48A, '48B, '58, '68, and '78 returned to VMI. The honored class was the Class of 1958 which returned for its 25th reunion.

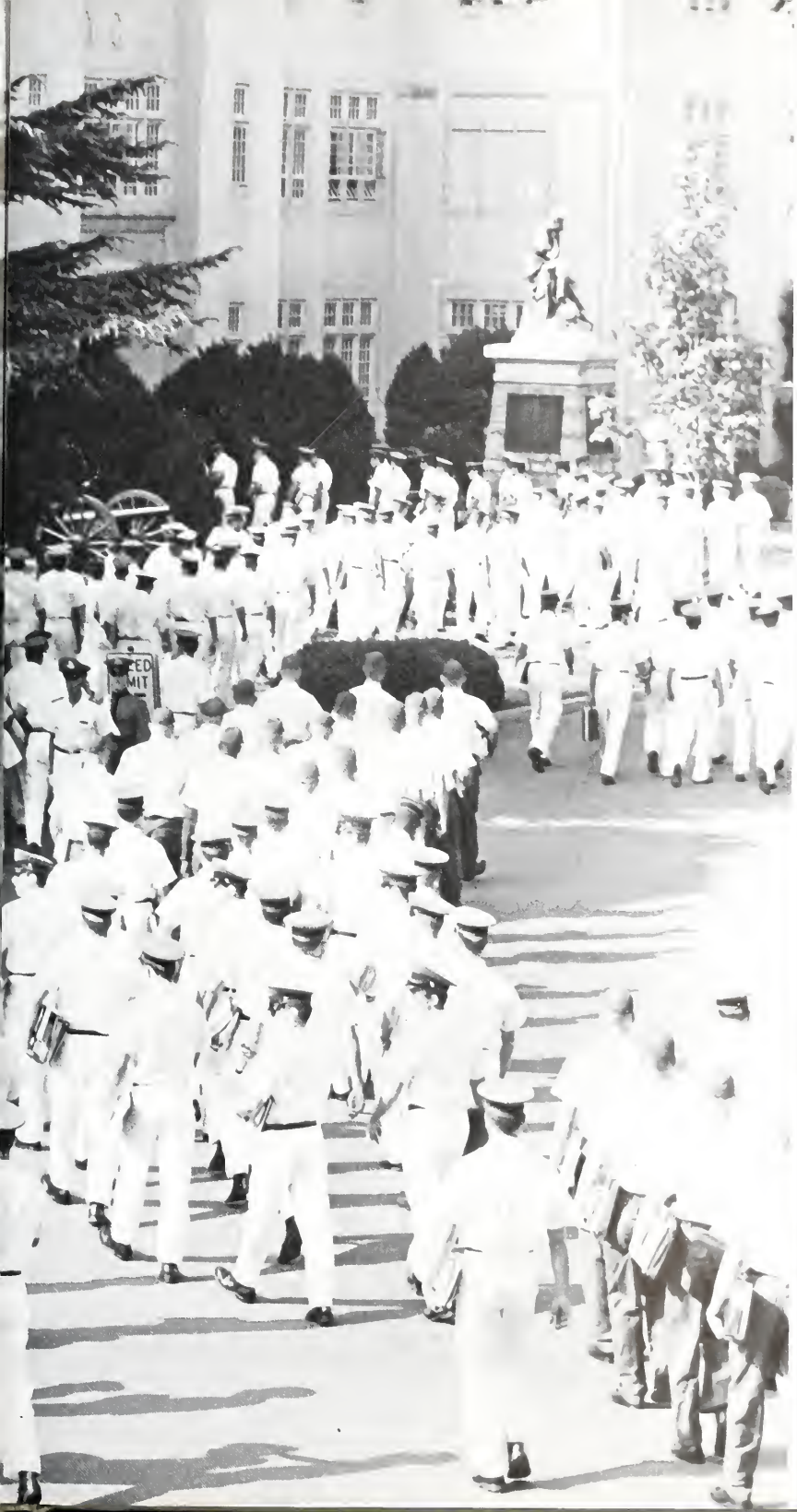
Alumni Reunion Weekend began on Friday, October 7. Friday evening consisted of dinner and other social events at the local Hotels. On Saturday morning, the VMI Alumni Association met in Jackson Memorial Hall. The meeting was followed by a review parade by the Corps of Cadets. Following the parade, the different classes met on the steps of Preston Library to have their class photographs taken. The day's official activities were concluded with a luncheon in Moody Hall.

Alumni, of the Class of 1978, recount stories of the "Old Corps" and the Ratline following the review parade by the Corps.

Following the Corps into the barracks, Alumni of the Class of 1948A recall memories of their days marching as Cadets.

Gathered around the old courtyard, the Old Corps looks on as its members mount the Sentinel Box to give old yells for their classes.





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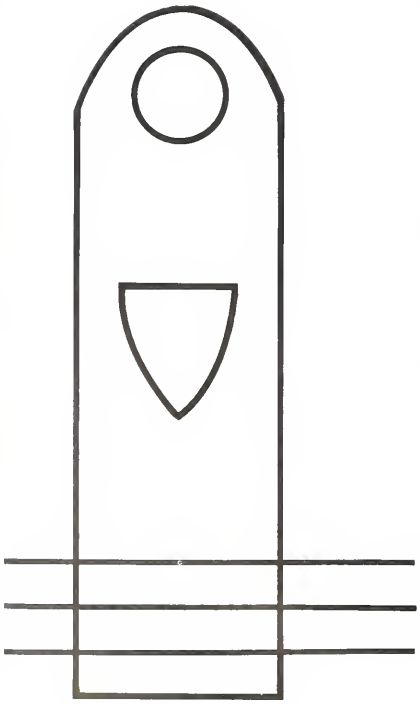
The Class of 1984

It is no exaggeration to say that the most disappointing, disillusioning, and disenchanting moments of our history as a class came during our brief tenure as First Classmen in our attempts to perpetuate our progeny. From the beginning moments of our matriculation, we, the Class of 1984, were told that barracks life was run by the First Class. The class system was the second strongest element uniting alumni of this Institution; the first being our sense of honor. After learning the system and being led by the preceding classes to believe that we too would be given the opportunity and responsibility of running barracks, we anxiously anticipated the privileges and obligations of a First Class . . . only to be completely devastated by our administrative officials.

What began during our underclass years as seemingly helpful irrigation of the rat line, gained intensity in the Fall of 1983 as the known system of training the rats was gradually eroded by restrictions on workouts and physical training. Finally the dam burst and powerful forces within Smith Hall drowned the RDC by taking away its President and disciplinary authority.

In the war we waged to maintain the status quo, we possessed neither artillery nor defense and consequently lay in the prostrate position, impotent before our commissioning, diploma holding, confinement issuing foes.

Realizing the absolute futility of our battle, we entrusted our system to the "greater" foresight and hindsight of those with the authority and tried our damndest to make the system work by molding the same character of VMI men which, whether we are willing to admit or not, we feel the rat system instilled within us. The humility, unity, self-discipline, and restraint, which summarizes the essence of our rat-based education, will certainly remain within us in the future and, despite it all, will hopefully continue to dominate in the character of our legacy, our dyke class of 1987. — TBG '84



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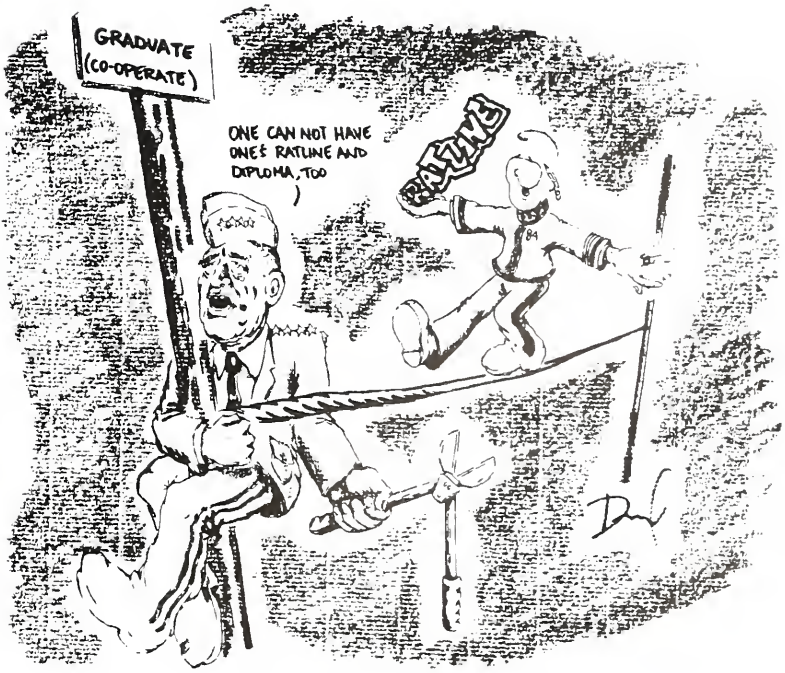

Ronald Denard Abbit

"Abb, Geechie-Dan, Gill-Man"
Hyattsville, Maryland
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Finally!! I can see the light at the end of the tunnel called the Institute. Living the day to day life of a VMI cadet has made me appreciate the things that I would otherwise take for granted. Anyway VMI, it's been a real experience. Thanks Mom and Dad for giving me the love and caring that I needed to persevere. Thanks Coach Williams and Coach Rector for keeping me in such good condition while I was at the "I." Thanks to all of my roomies over my stay at VMI, and I hope our paths meet somewhere down the road. Good luck to the track team and I hope next year's seniors uphold the winning tradition that Coach Williams has established. Dykes, keep on pushing, it won't be long until you will see that same light at the end of the tunnel.

DYKES 1981: David "Squash" Washington
1987: Terry "Birdman" Fortune
Clarence "Boobie" Scott

Track 4, 3, 2, 1; Society of Young Economists 2; Promaji 4, 3, 2, 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1.

David John Adams

Auburn, New York
Economics-Navy

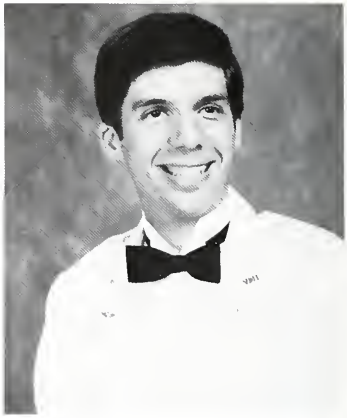
What once seemed an eternity is now gone. What each of us yearned for so long ago is here. The road we have traveled has been along one, filled with many obstacles. We have seen many who began with us fall by the wayside. It has been a long journey, but in the final judgement we will all leave with the knowledge that what is now given to us is priceless.

We came here an eternity ago as children. We now leave as men, confident in our ability to achieve, proud of our fences overcome and eager to meet the challenges that our destinies have in store for us. This day is ours, well deserved and rightfully earned.

Mom, Dad, Sharon, and Dan; What can I say to express the love I have for you or how grateful I am to you? This is yours as much as mine because without your love and support I would not have made it. Dan, Pete, and Jim: You have taught me how to live. You will always be as brothers to me.

DYKES 1981: Adrian Thomas Bogart III
1987: Rex Warnert

Cadre 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Delta Omicron Epsilom 2, 1; Young Economists 2, 1; Investment Club 1.



Thomas Alan Adams

"Tom"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Economics-Air Force

Looking back the 4 years here at the "I" seemed to fly by. The Institute has been good to me (I think?). I have learned quite a bit here, but along with all the discipline and regulations I have found time to relax. I will never forget the good times with my roommate Laurence; state car cruises, RTB, and room cocktails!

Getting back to the serious side . . . there are many people to thank, my parents, my dyke, my roommates (Crew '32), the museum staff, BR's and everyone else who made my stay here bearable. I am very proud to say I was a cadet. I will never forget the good and bad times and as a final note . . . It was worth it!!

Hey Laurence
Remember the oldies but goodies and the hot VW's.
P.S. Good luck cocky, I know you will do well.

DYKES 1981: Douglas Dillard
1987: Thomas Struckmeyer

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Fencing Team 4, 3, 2, (Captain) 1; Cadet Museum Asst. 2, 1; Illegal Car Club 3, 2; Capt. Barker Fan Club 2, 1.

Edward Alexander Adkins

"Ed Rock, Dead, Buddy"
Culpeper, Virginia
Civil Engineer — Air Force

The reason I came to VMI is because it's different. I could have gone anywhere else, drank, partied, and sucked face; but I chose VMI. Why? I wanted to go that extra mile and learn what Brother Rats were. My Brother Rats and I have shared good times and bad. One thing was learning how to live with and deal with people. I owe this to Buck, Tom, Randy, Higg, Brian, Shawn, Lawrance, and Al. Thanks for putting up with me and being friends.

Finally, I would like to thank some special people. Mom-Mom, Uncle Al, and Allan, thanks for the love, prayers and support. Mom, thanks for pushing me; without you I wouldn't be here. Your love and shoulder to cry on came in handy. Dad, everything I accomplish I owe to you. I hope that with what you have given me to start life with, I can be half the man you are.

DYKES 1981: Steve Brouse
1987: Eddie Dandar

Cadre 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat 4; Cpl 3; Cadet Bugler 3, 2, 1; Band Co. 4, 3, 2, 1; Illegal Car Club 4, 3, 2; Ring Figure Hotel Committee 2; Founder of The "FB" Society 2; CDAS Club (Rm 110) 2, 1.

Anthony Quido Agostinelli

"Gus, Quido"
Mount Lebanon, Pennsylvania
Economics — Air Force

VMI sprang into my life very suddenly and unexpectedly, buf the friends that I have made here will be everlasting. I have had many good experiences at the "I," and also many up hill battles. I would like to thank all of the people who supported me in my four year vacation in Lexington. First, all of my love goes to my family. Mom, Dad, Mary, Albert, and Michele, thank you for everything. I don't have to tell you that the five of you are the most important people in my life.

To my roommates, John, Paul, Tommy, Boni and yes even Jack. It has been a long four years, but I couldn't have spent it with any better people. To Johno, Blake, Bruce, and everyone I haven't mentioned, I couldn't find better friends. Maureen, you're a very special person for putting up with me for the last few years. Uncle Al, all I can say is thank you. I hope it will be worth it.

DYKES 1981: Mark Lowe
1987: John Chicoli

Varsity Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Football Co-Captain 1; VMI Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1, Vice-President 1; Young Economists Club 2; Number 1 Club 3; Varsity Track 2.

William Robert Aker, Jr.

"Chipper"
Roanoke, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army Corps of Engineers

I'm sure that we have all said many times that we couldn't wait to get out of this hole, but as I think of graduation and these four years past, I realize how dearly I will miss the "fellas." Cav, John, Johnny, and Spike . . . the brotherhood we have will stay with me forever, and for the rest of my days I will keep with me those special qualities that each of you possess. I will always remember the most outstanding impressions you all have made with me. Cav — Live each day as if it's your last. John — Win, win win . . . everything. Johnny E. — Don't worry about tomorrow, just be happy today. Spike — Don't judge a book by its cover (you maniac). Spruill, Freaky Locher, and Chuck Pruden (we missed you), thank you for the unforgettable times. Keep in touch. Mom and Dad, what more can I say but thank you and I Love you both! Dear Lord, thank you for watching over me through these trying times.

DYKES 1981: C. P. Davis
1987: ZOZ, The King, Anvil Head, Jackum

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1, ASCE Professional Meetings Chairman 1; Boxing Team 3, 2; Survivor of Chuck Pruden Party Club, Varsity Lacrosse 1.

Thomas Ricardo Amador

"Thomas Tommy"
Mount Laurel, New Jersey
Physics — Navy

En estos campos de la tierra mia, y extrranjero en los campos de mi tierra — yo tuve patria donde corre el Duero por entre grises penas, y fantasmas de viejos encinares, alla en Castilla, mistica y guerrera, Castilla la gentil, humilde y brava, Castilla del desden y de la fuerza-, en estos campos de mi Andalucia, !oh tierra en que naci!, cantar quisiera. Tengo imagenes de luz y de palmeras, y en una gloria de oro, de luenes campanarios con ciguenas, — Antonio Machada.

Con todo mi alma honesta y corazon lleno de esperanza me despido como una mariposa roja o paloma blanca bajo cuya sombra se encuentra la paz. Te quiero mama y papa y j jorgito; Dios nos siempre salva.

Brother Rats, Give thyselves to follow in God's way with love to all.

Tom Ricardo Amador

PVT; Sigma Pi Sigma Honor Society; Treasurer of SPS; JV Football 4, Wrestling 4, 3, 2, 1; Varsity 2, 1.

Andrew Barnes Anderson

"Barnby, Critter, Sky Fargo"
Anytown, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Navy

After four almost enjoyable years I'm ready to make up for lost time. VMI has been a good experience, and I thank my family for their support. I'm sure the great friendships and ideals acquired at VMI will always be with me.

Take care all,
ABA

DYKES 1981: John H. Dixon
1987: Chip "Remus" Hancock

Cpl; Sgt.; Lt.; Marshall Museum Guide; VMI Escort; ASCE; Deans List 3, 2, 1; Academically Distinguished 1.

Neville Alphonso Anderson

"Nev"
Washington, DC
Economics — Army, Field Artillery

Since I've been at VMI I've learned many lessons, learned to look into myself and in looking into myself to see my potentials and limits. While at the institute I've found prejudice and arrogance everywhere, but then again I've formed friendships that will last a life time and values that are priceless. I've learned not to judge people by outer appearances but, by the compassion of their hearts.

The two people I dearly love, my parents, for without their love, support, and patience I never would have gotten this far. To all the people who've helped and cared for me along the way; THANK YOU!! I am proud and always will be, to be a VMI keydet.

DYKES 1981: Mack Williams
1987: Brice Valentine, Greg Ellis

ASCE 1; Promaji 4; President Promaji 1; Ring Figure Staff 1; Track 1; Cross Country 2; Concessions 3; Cadet Battery 1.

Scott Piket Christian Andes

"Scatz, Veg-Head, Dutch"
Severna Park, Maryland
Economics/Modern Languages-Navy

I've heard it said that what is learned outside the classroom is often the most valued. If that includes "after Taps" then this four year experience would certainly apply. Despite the complaints, it hasn't really been all that bad. If it had been, we'd have left a long time ago.

Seriously though, VMI has taught me a great deal for which I'm grateful. The tribulations we've survived are like none our contemporaries will ever be fortunate enough to share. From roommates both present and past (Austria included) I've found loyalties in friendship that I value dearly; I've learned that with a sense of humor there is light in any adversity.

In closing, I feel proud to be able to say, "I didn't quit." It has been a lesson well learned. Thank you Mom and Dad for your love and constant support.

DYKES 1981: Mark (Sloppy) Gonsalves
1987: Lucho (Skywalker) Arce

Rat 4; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Pvt 1; Commanders 2, 1; Posit Committee 1; Foreign Study-Austria 2; No. 1 Club 2; R.F. Magazine Bus. Mgr; R.F. Cannon Ball; Buff & the Spit-Shines 3, 2.

Thomas Howard Anthony

"Norman Bates," "The Hairy Beast"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics-Army (Armor)

"Lasciate ogni speranza, voi ch'entrate"

As most before me, I came to the Institute by my own decision, and stayed by an indestructible will not to be a quitter. I have developed the unique feelings that all graduates from here now hold: a deep hatred, and a supreme love for this strange bastion of higher education. I have also gained an unconquerable loyalty to it. Without a doubt, it has affected my life greatly. It is impossible to elaborate on that any further.

I wish to thank those who have made this road a lot easier. First to my family, who holds supreme confidence in all I do. Even though I don't show it at times, I love you more than anything else in the world. Also, to my Brother Rats at the "I": without you, it would have been more hell than it was! You have my eternal loyalty, especially Quido, John, Tom, and even Jack. Looking forward to partying with you in the future.

DYKES 1981: Carter Augustine
1987: Dennis Fitzpatrick

Rugby 3, 2, 1; RDC 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat Comp. XO 1; Rat Comp. CO 1; Deans List 2; Cadet Ass't 2, 1; TCFC '84 2; Society of Young Economists 3; AVSA 4; Uncle Elmo's Society 4.

Richard Ball Baker

"Bakes, Bakemo, Iceburg"
Chesapeake, Virginia
Modern Languages-Army/Armor

Richard and I have shared many times, from our days in high school to the day we entered 423 together. I've laughed with him, competed with him, and cared for him like my brother. Born into the VMI family, Richard established his own place here at the Institute. Humorous, cynical — he understood, he developed an understanding of the Institute and ourselves that lightened its gravity, built friendships, and touched others, especially this writer. His character at VMI can never be replaced because above all he cared about the class and our Brother Rats. He is one who personifies the VMI man and his virtues. Richard, best of luck and God bless you.

A.A.P.

Mom and Dad, thanks for allowing me my own choice. Ed, thanks for the advice and a helping hand; Powell, for the hideaway at UVa. I love you all! Elizabeth, you deserve a diploma as much as I, thanks for all the love, understanding, and caring. — R.B.B.

DYKES 1981: Ralph Northam
1987: Bob "Mole-head" Hinson

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Pre-Law Society 4, 3, 2, 1 (Pres.); Ski Club 4, 3, 2, 1; English Society 1; Spanish Honor Society 2, 1; Dean's List 3, 2, 1; Pickett Weekend Vacation 2; Bakemo Club

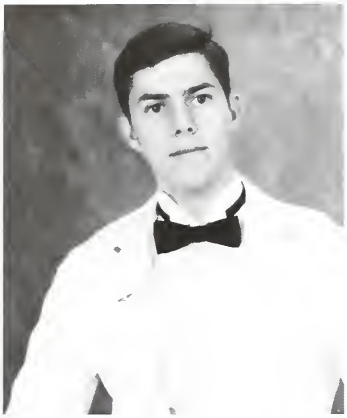
Steven Asadour Barsamian

"Hostage, Ghandi"
Richmond, Virginia
History — Army

I came to VMI as a Biology major and a NROTC cadet. I leave a history major with an Army commitment, and maybe a diploma — Well, so much for planning for the future. During my time here it has become increasingly apparent that I have missed out on a lot of "activities" that go on at other colleges, but the friendships that were established here have made up for that. Now a feeble attempt to recognize some of the people who helped me through the VMI experience. Thank you Mom and Dad for believing in me. Thank you Doc Foster, Col. Caudill, and Dr. Monsour for helping me believe in myself. All of you will never know how much you meant to me. Finally, thanks Brother Rats. "If I marry a woman half of what my mother is and become at least half the man my father is, I will consider myself a success." DGC,Jr. 83

DYKES 1981: Sam Woolwine
1987: Ricky Zgol

Pvt. 4, 2, 1; VCU Student Exchange 3; Dean's List 2; Sir Edmund Hillary Club 4, 1; Summer School Veteran 4, 3, 2, 1; Rm. 152 Bar and Grill.



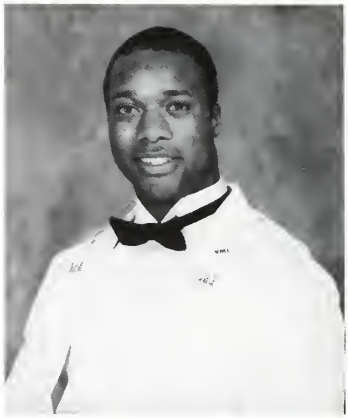
Walter Elliott Baskin

"Yo Walt, El Habib, Orbital"
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
Physics — Air Force

Yo Walt. How often I've heard that called out. As a Rat you seem to be in a constant frenzy, always in the wrong place at the wrong time. You seem to divide your time between your room, classes, and Wierd's office; with more time in the latter. Somehow in the passing, a friendship developed and grew. We shared good times (third class party), and bad (the day after). Now as a first I see qualities I saw in you as a Rat: that drive that keeps you going when everyone else quits; the will to give 110% in everything you do; the ability to laugh when things go wrong; the ability to motivate others (me) when they would rather sit and rest.

We've been pretty tight in our brief stay here; from falling off horses to falling from airplanes together. Now the end of the dark tunnel is in sight (for some) and we'll go our separate ways only to be drawn together again. Take it easy El Habib, Walt, Brother . . . Rat. — E.E.H.

Scuba Club 1; Parachute Club 1; President SPS 1; Karate Club 2; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Equestrian Club 4; Cadet Battery 1



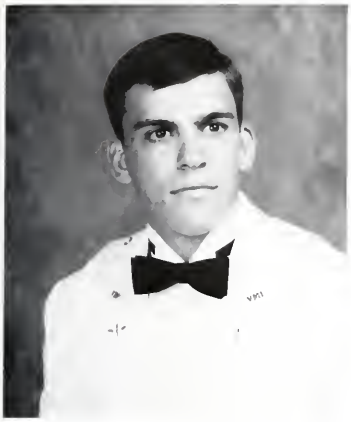
Keith Eric Belcher

"Little OZZ, Son of Belcher"
Lynchburg, Va.
C.E./Corps of Engineers

As I reflect back on the 4 latest years of my life, I see many loved ones behind me, without whom being here, let alone graduating, would not be possible. Among these many beautiful visages there are some that I will never see again. I am saddened by this very thought. This leads me to appreciate those who have labored the most in raising me all the more. With all the love I have within, I thank you Mom and Dad. I love you both dearly. Big brothers Dan and Ozzie, little brothers Rod and Nat and little sister Emma, please forgive me any hardships I have unjustly caused you. As brothers and sisters we often appreciate the least those we love the most. Aunts, Uncles, and cousins I love you as my own family. I hope I live worthy of you all, but most of all that I live worthy of my savior Yashua. And Thank You dyke. As they say in the Marine Corps, "Good night Pbo, wherever you are."

DYKES 1981: Paul Andrus
1987: Bobby Blackwell

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Promaji Club 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Track (Indoor) 4, 3, 2; Outdoor Track 4.



Thomas Corson Berry

"Bullet-Head"
Elmira, New York
Civil Engineering-Air Force

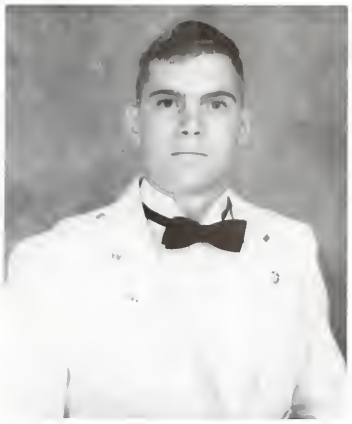
Tom's total unconcerned attitude about life has forced him to have me write his history. It's sad how VMI has turned an otherwise normal human being(?) into a bullet head extraordinaire. I first met Tom when he was running from room to room, looking for the latest issue of *Shotgun News*. Now that I've roomed with him for two years, he's still bugging me for the latest firearm-related piece of literature. Perhaps Tom would have been more at home on top of a mountain, hunting furry little animals and smelling wood smoke for the rest of his life. Luckily he came out of the wilds and blessed us with his ugly mug. O.K. Tom, you're an "inginear" (sic) now, so get out of here with a weight of 182 gr. at a muzzle velocity of 3200 fps and hit the Air Force with 2800 ft. lbs. of striking energy.

Remember us on the ground flyboy.

DRP

DYKES 1981: Mark Lowe
1987: Hugh Bettendorf

Cpl. 1; Sgt. 2; Band Co. XO 1 RDC 1; VMI Awards Committee 1.



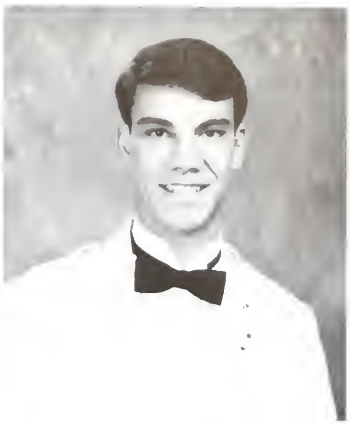
James Harrar Bishop

"Jimbo, Bo"
Roanoke, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Marine Corps

This place is a real experience, one I wouldn't repeat but one I'll someday be glad to have completed. I have met some of the very best people and some of the worst. Looking back it's easy to remember all the good times and the bad seem to fade away. Fortunately they are fading fast as I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. I owe so much thanks to my family for listening to all my moaning and groaning about this place and for their support. Best of luck to Herm, MoMo, and Applehead. Ya'll never made life dull around here! I will always fondly remember my co-criminals from the rugby team, true cadets if ever was such a thing. Jack, you will do fine if you ever run out of questions. Thanks most of all to A.G.D., you know the milliary reasons why. What for four years I've yearned to say, I say now with no regret, It's time to K.M.A.G.

DYKES 1981: Bruce Kitchen
1987: Jack Avis

Pvt. 4, 3, 1; Sgt. 2; Football 4; Rugby 3, 2, 1, Rugby Captain 2, 1; Cadet Waiter 2; Guide Cadet Foundation 2, 1; SCSC; 144-146 Social Club; Spring Surf Safari 3, 2.



William Edward Blazer

"Blaze"
Barboursville, West Virginia
Electrical Engineering-Navy

Well it's finally coming to an end; four long years of hard work. I can still remember being a Rat and thinking about graduation. It seemed so distant then. It is amazing how time can be so long and yet so short.

Chris, Bill, Gene, Joey: All names that I will remember for the rest of my life. Memories of great times with great friends. I guess that's what it's all about.

Hans, your friendship has meant a lot to me over the years. I will miss it.

Jim, you know that they are going down, Roger that Airborne.

Mom and Dad, I love you. You have made it all worth while. I couldn't have asked for two parents any better.

One of my favorite passages that best describes my feelings about coming to VMI is from Robert Frost's "The Road Not Taken":

"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."

DYKES 1981: Ken Pohlig
1987: Tom (Shoebird) Peer

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Scuba Club Parachute Club; Golf 4, 3; International Relations Club 2, 1; IEEE 2, 1; Firefighters 2, 1; President West Va. Club.

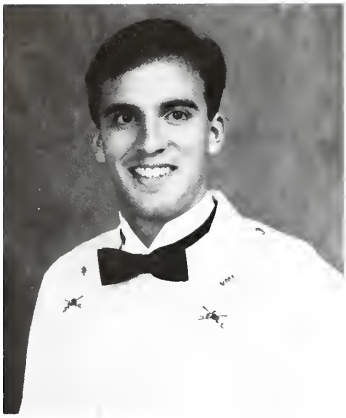
David C. Bledsoe

"Kansas"
Leavenworth, Kansas
Electrical Engineering-Airforce-Navigator

The four years of Academics, military duties, and physical trainings seemed to be an endless task. Nevertheless, the years went by quickly, and the graduation was just a year. The cadetship at VMI wasn't easy, but I'm glad I came here. Now, I'm leaving this school with high sense of honor, discipline, and confidence. In the future that lies ahead of me, I'll remember and cherish the VMI training and continue to strive the life in high spirit. I'm really proud to have been a member of Class of 1984, and I like to wish all the brother Rats success and happiness in your future. Thank you Mom and Dad for giving me the support and love. You were my strength and guide during my easy and hard times at VMI.

DYKES 1979: Rodney Decorte
1987: John Forbes

IEEE 2, 1; Firefighters 2, 1; Glee Club 4; Swim Team Manager 2; 2½ Year ARFOTC Scholsarhip; Weight Training 1.



Robert John Bready Jr.

"Burt, Biff Jr."
Johnson City, TN
Chemistry-Army/Armor

This has not been an easy road for me, and I have by no means travelled it alone. First of all I would like to thank my parents; they caught me when I stumbled, and picked me up when I fell — Lord knows how many times I tripped. Mom and Dad, thanks for being there when I needed you. Secondly I would like to thank Alison, Jon, Chris, and Matt; I could not ask for a better family. I am really glad we have grown so close in the past couple of years. I would also like to extend my thanks to Jamie he helped me realize what this place is really all about. To my roommates Bill, Bob and Mango; you guys did a great job of boosting my morale when I was feeling down. We definitely had a hell of a time this year — you are three fantastic guys! Lastly, I would like to thank everyone else who helped me along the way; you know who you are.

DYKES 1981: Jamie Byron
1987: Todd Arris

1984 BOMB; Scooby Doo Crew; Batcave; Radford Road Trip Society; Lauderdale Lunchers.

Mark Alan Briesmaster

"Breeze Chopper Copter Mauck"
Crozier, Virginia
History/Modern Lang.-Navy

Mark's biggest advantage Rat year was that our Master Sgt. was his old high school buddy. But in the immortal words of Scott Fairburn, "Briesmaster, those days are over." Third class year Breeze became an unofficial member of the Lucky 7 Club. One of Mark's greatest assets second class year was that he could get a car, so Mark became a key figure in our roadtrips: Va Beach; The Citadel; Radford; and, of course, Baldwin. Mark's always been the sportsman, mountain climbing in Charleston, wrestling in Va Beach, ping-pong in Richmond, drag racing from Radford, and of course gymnastics at UVA. Seriously though, we will always admire Mark for the determination with which he went through life here at VMI, but remember, don't sweat the small stuff.

THS III, CHZ, CBR, KMG

Finally I would like to thank my close friends you are true Brother Rats, and especially my Mom and Dad for all their love and support. It was worth it!

DYKES 1981: R. C. (Clinker) Moss
1987: J. Cliff Bunn III

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; College Repulbicans; Treasurer 1; Kar Klub 1; A Team 2, 1; Rat Training Cadre 1; Utterly Mind Roasted 2, 1; MBC Sunday Party Animal 2, 1.

Jerome Michael Brinkley

"Geronimo, Tarzan, Jeromeo"
Chesapeake, Virginia
English — Air Force, Navigator

Well, here it goes. I came to VMI for an education and a commission. I ended up going through one hell of a learning experience.

I'd like to thank my family and relatives on both sides of the Atlantic for every ounce of support they have given me through the toils and troubles of this fun place. I also want to thank my BR's Greg Michigan and Tom Amador for being there when I needed to see a smile and enjoy an amusing conversation. Lest I not forget three lovely ladies and others from back home who stuck this place out with me.

Just remember, good experiences become beautiful memories — bad experiences become lessons in life. VMI is what you make it. I've learned quite a few lessons, but enjoy looking back at the memories. It's been hell.

To my dykes: gentlemen, it may be a long hard road, but nothing significant in life comes easily. Drive on!

DYKES 1981: Bob Cliff, Mike Rattie
1987: Padki Pannorit

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; VMI Fire Fighters 1; Karate Club 3; Pre Law Society 3, 2; D Co. Iron Man Team 2; Arnold Air Society 3, Officer 2, Pres. 1; The *Cadet* — Entertainment 3, 2.

Kevin Addison Brooks

"Brooksie, Gooty, Manatee Man"
Newport News, Va.
Civil Engineering — Army/Corps of Engineers

Kevin first came to VMI with little idea of what to expect. Now, four years later he is ready to graduate as a CE and put in a few years as an officer in the Army. There have been many milestones; breakout, the winning of the ring, and now graduation from "The I." Of course in any story of Brooksie one has to mention Zollman's, blockrunning, multiple roadtrips (A La Natural through Newport News) and watering the parade deck. But then, what cadets life could be considered complete without such incidents as these?

Kevin, you'll be a success in whatever you put your mind to. Of course you will graduate VMI as a CE. More importantly you will leave here a Brother Rat and a man of honor. Good luck. —M.E.S.

To my family, I thank you for giving me more support than I deserved. Mom and Dad, I'm sorry for the heartaches I've caused thru the years. I'll try to make you proud.

DYKES 1981: Matt "One Shot" Ott
1987: Bob "Flounder" Buxton

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; AUSA 4, 3, 2, 1; Circle K 2, 1; Tanker Platoon 3; Cadet Battery 2, 1; International Relations Club 2, 1; Debate Team 4, 3.

John Michael Brown

"Hardcore, Ranger"
San Antonio, Texas
English — Army, Infantry

"Brown, where are you?" the First Classman shouted to the Rat Company as they came back up the hill from B.R.C. "Here Sir!" a voice rang out from ranks. "We'll get you for kicking in our door, Brown — you understand?" "Affirmative Sir!" Brown replied without the least trace of intimidation. "Did you really kick in a First Classman's door?" the cadre corporal asked in awe. "Affirmative Sir!" Brown answered unshaken. "Why?" the astonished corporal querried. "Just returning the favor, Sir!" Brown quipped amid the stifled laughter of Rats and Cadre alike.

John "resolved to be the best possible cadet (and person) he could be — and has succeeded admirably.

Some of us loved and respected him, most of us envied him . . . but whether you loved, hated, respected, or envied John Brown, you had to admit one thing:

"We all stood in awe of this man." WRJ '84

DYKES 1981: Eugene Bigelow

Class Vice-President; Cadre Cpl. 3; Rgt. Opns. Sgt. 2; Reg S-4 1; Deans List 4, 3, 2, 1; DMS; John Ryde Bush Award; Commander, Ring Figure Honor Guard 3; VMI Ranger Plt. 3, 2, 1.

Gordon Albert Broz

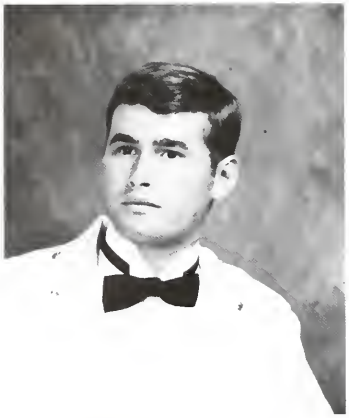
"Gord, Bronze"
East Greenwich, Rhode Island
Civil Engineering — Navy, Surface

I came to VMI with two pieces of advice; keep a low profile and stay out of trouble. Well, I can't say these were sincerely adhered to, but it was good advice anyway. My goals were set high at VMI (as high as the 4th stoop) and I worked my way down. It was a long hard struggle on the cadetship ladder, but as the light at the end comes in sight, I can truly say it was worth it. Many people have backed me the entire way and it was their unselfish support, love and understanding that made it all possible. My parents, family, Jayne, friends and Estelle's are these wonderful people, and for them thank you doesn't seem enough, but it comes from the heart. Soon all the bad things of VMI will fade from my mind and only the good times will be remembered.

G.A.B.

DYKES 1981: Mike (Cloudy) McLeon
1987: Shawn (Airjam) Houck

Cpl. 3, Pvt. 2, 1; ASCE Member; Softball Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Cannonball Committee 2; Sport Parachute Club 4; Rack Lab 4, 3, 2, 1.



Christopher Antone Bruch

"Pork, Bruch Head, Sentimental Sam"
Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineer — Army, Corps of Engineers

For many years there has been evidence of constant forces in action in Chris' life: faith in his God, belief in himself, love for family and friends, and in the past few years, a deep loyalty to VMI. His mature personal commitment, his firm value system, and his strong leadership qualities have been some of his most notable attributes. Relationships afford the opportunity to extend the gift of self, and to his family, friends, peers, and teachers, Chris has given this gift most generously.

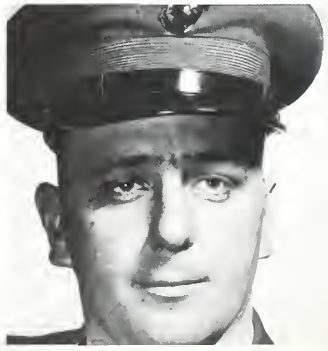
The gift of self is a most precious thing . . . For without it, what can you bring? There would be no smile, no love, no need to grow, No relationsips, no intellect, no need to know.

The gift of self is a privilege, too . . . For without it, there would not be you. There is only one Chris, blessed with gift giving, His gift of self reflects the way he is living.

We are so very proud to have you as our son.
— Love always, Mom and Dad

DYKES 1981: Tim Nitz
1987: Nat "Stick" Pendeltz, Scott Toler

Tennis 4, 3, Varsity Letter 4; Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; 1st Sgt. and Reg. Color Sgt. 2; D Co. Cmndr. 1; Cadet Program Board 4; Bakemo Club 4, 3, 2, 1, (V.P.); Library Asst. 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 2.



Steven James Patrick Bruening

"Steve"
Decorah, Iowa
History — Marine Corps

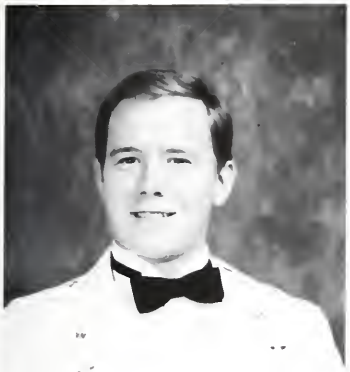
"I know you all, and will awhile uphold the unyoked humor of your idleness. Yet I'll imitate the sun, who permits the clouds to smother up his beauty from the world, when he pleases to again be himself, he'll be more wondered at by breaking through the foul mists of vapors that seemed to strangle him. If all the years were holidays, to sport would be as tedious as to work; But when they seldom come, they come wished for, and nothing pleaseth but rare incidents.

So, when this loose behavior I throw off and pay the debt I never promised, by how much better than my word am I, by so much shall I falsify men's hopes! like bright metal on a sullen ground, my reformation giltt'ring over my faults, shall show more goodly and attract more eyes than that which hath no contrast to set it off. I'll offend to make offense a skill redeeming time when men think least I will."

William Shakespeare

DYKES 1981: Jay A. Hawkins ('80')
1987: Class of 1987

Cadet 4, 3, 2, 1, 5; Waiter 4, 3, 2; Chief Steward.



Calvin Edward Buchanan

"Buck, Cap'n, Brother Ben"
Culpeper, Virginia
English — Air Force

I came to VMI filled with many dreams and aspirations, and the best piece of advice ever given to me. My father once told me, "Calvin, it doesn't matter what you do in this life, as long as you're happy." It took me three years to realize what sound advice this really is.

Mom, Dad, Pat and Mike, I know I haven't been a model cadet, and yet without your love, support, and occasional kick in the pants, I never would have made it.

I love you all.

Changes. My life has been filled with changes these past four years, but one thing has remained the same. Jackie, without your constant love and devotion, our relationship may well have failed. Who would have thought, on Aug. 9, 1980, that we'd be where we are now? I love you Jackie!

DYKES 1981: Lyne Aigner
1987: Scott (Punkin' Head) Evans

Citizen Citizen 4, 3, 2, 1; BSU 4; Pre-Law Society 1; Tennis Team 4, 3, 2, 1.

Keith Allen Buckley

"Buck, Big Daddy Warbucks, William F."
Virginia Beach, Virginia
History — Navy

Buck was the perfect example of the VMI man. He knew every line from every Bugs Bunny cartoon and his favorite form of physical activity was that strenuous exercise known as "rack time." I'm sure he'll always have fond memories of his social life at VMI. There was N.C. from S.S. and of course, the I.T. at Ring Figure. His only problem at Ring Figure was that the girl interested in him was somebody else's date. When I look back at my days at VMI, the way I'll always remember Buck will be from the night we saw Rocky Horror. By the way, did anyone ever find his shoulder board? Natty Boh's much, Buck?

TFL

I wish to express my heartfelt thinks to my family and friends for their love and support. I also wish to thank VMI because there is no way the Navy can screw me over any more. Anchors aweigh.

KAB

DYKES 1981: Matt Merriman
1987: "Pisano" Ngarmwongwan

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Rifle Team 4; Glee Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Circle K 2, 1; Dean's 2, 1; Summer School 3, 2, 1; VMI Bugs Bunny Fan Club 4, 3, 2, 1.

Charles Stuart Budzinski

"Lance Cpl., The Tool, Byu"
Jersey City, New Jersey, Exit 14B
Civil Engineering — Army, Corps of Engineers

When I came to VMI, i had no idea what I was getting myself into. Now, after four years, I'm still not completely sure of what's going on. I did a lot of things here I probably wouldn't have done ordinarily, and I'd say this is the most valuable thing I got out of my time at the "I." Some of these things were a hell of a lot of fun (and I often paid for it). Though I sometimes doubt it, I think I came out ahead in this deal.

Thanks to my parents for keeping me here and well supplied, and thanks to all the people around here who tolerated me and made things interesting.

DYKES 1981: Norm Cortese '78
1987: Scott Miller

AUSA 4; Parachute Club 4, 3, 1; Anti-Cpl. 3; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; International Relations Committee 3.

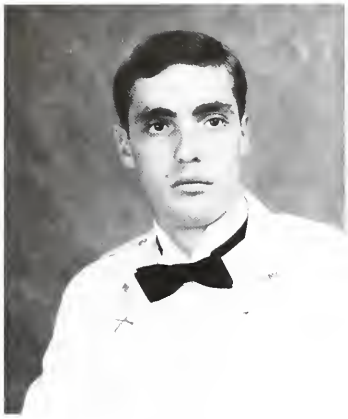
Henry A. Budzinski Jr.

Bud, Budweiser
Chicago, Illinois
Civil Engineering — Army/Armor

Well, has it really been four years? It seems like so many more. Mom, what can I say? You're the greatest mom in the world and I'm glad I have you. Dad, all I can say is thanks for everything. Grandpa and Uncle Eddie, you two are the greatest. Both of you have inspired me and encouraged me more than anyone in the world. Mark, without you I couldn't of made it through VMI. You helped me alot. I was very proud to be your best man. Uncle Al, what can I say? Asked, would I do it again? HELL YES!!!

DYKES 1981: Mark "Gunny" Olson
1987: Paul "Green" Duray

Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Tanker Platoon 3, 2, 1; Rat Training 3, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Airborne 2; Air Assault 3; Car Club 2, 1; Px Cowboy 4, 3, 2, 1; Barracks Rappeler 3; AUSA 4, 3, 2.



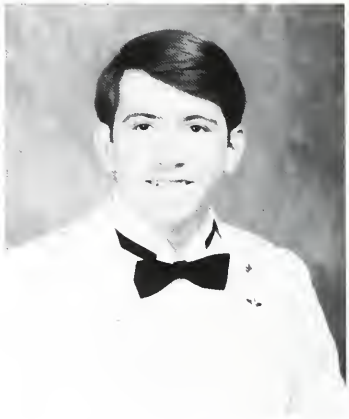
Christopher Edward Busse

"Hard Luck Slep Rock"
Cincinnati, Ohio
Economics — Army (Infantry)

The entire time I spent at VMI I kept saying that the best years of my life were being wasted and I was missing something. Well, I was dead wrong. These have been the best years of my life and VMI has given me more than I expected. The people that I have met here are the best in the world, and I have friends that will last a lifetime. After four years I owe alot of people some thanks. To Bobby and Hans for your support and good times. To Dr. King for giving me a chance to prove myself. To my grandparents for letting me relax. To my brother and sister for listening to my wild stories. And finally to my parents. I found that you will always love and support me in my future, but I also found two of the best friends I've ever had. I love you and thank you for everything.

DYKES: 1981: John Cawthorne
1987: Paul Russo

Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Pvt. 2; 2nd Batt. S-3 1; Cadre 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 3, 2, 1; Rat Training 3, 2, 1; DMS 2, 1; Party Crew 2, 1.



Charles Robert Byrne

"Bubba"
Cairo, Egypt
Electrical Engineering — Air Force

When Bubba's roommate summed up the first day of Cadre with a quote from Shakespeare he knew he had to do something. So he joined the Golf team and hid out the entire Ratline, probably the only rat who didn't go up to the RDC. But he could not hide from Cpt. King. So started his number one, but amnesty cut his 4 months short by 3 whole days. How can one forget Bubba's brachiating stoop walks, "eeching and aching," and endless scratching his throat. Late night conversations were highlighted by Bubba's infaluble opinions. He always had a flair for world affairs, we guess that's why he took Western Civ. 4 times. Rooming with Bub, resident Middle East correspondent, has been 4 years of pure fun. Talk to ya, take care, the last 4 years have been truely great. — THS, CHZ, JNP I would like to thank my parents, my family, my roommates, and my friends for the support they gave me. I couldn't have done it without y'all. Take care and take it easy. Remember, we got the belts. — Bubba

DYKES 1981: Clay Wommack
1987: Frank "Stoney" Rossetti

Virgin Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Lucky 7 Club 3, 2, 1; Golf 4, 3; IEEE 2, 1, V.P. 1; Number 1 Club; Young Repub. 1; Goldcoast Spades Club; Kar Klub 1; Utterly Mind Roasted 2, 1.

Ricky Gene Canipe

"Ricky-Gene, The Snipe, Gnip-Gnop"
Raleigh, North Carolina
Biology — Air Force

It's not just a college, it's an adventure! From the VMI Ratline, with its ups and downs (literally and figuratively) to a massive "I know I left my pants here somewhere" Ring Figure, to the final tribulation of 1st Class year.I must admit, it was unique.

Thanks should be credited to those friends at VMI and abroad who held me up when I couldn't stand. To my parents, no words can describe my gratitude. They gave me what I needed to survive — faith, in myself and others.

I've learned a great deal. Although freedom lies ahead, the road will not be easy. Good luck and thanks to the Class of '84!

DYKES 1981: Kirk "Kink" Campbell
1987: Eric "Legs" Metheny

Cpl. 3; Dean's List 3; Academically Distinguished 2; Member of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Committee.

Christopher George Caplice

"Cap, Cappy, Mister"
West Simsbury, Connecticut
Civil Engineering — Army

I surprised a lot of people when I decided to go to VMI, but none more than myself. I've often wondered what I'd be like today if that coin I tossed in March of my Senior year in High School had landed differently, and I had gone to Lehigh. Actually, the reason why I decided to matriculate is trivial compared to why I stayed for four years. Its not the buildings or the land, the studying or the marching that makes VMI unique; it's the people. While I can't possibly thank each person who helped me here, I'd like to thank the following: Pat, Steve, Doug, and Gee for putting up with me as a rommate; those Brother Rats who helped me out 2nd Class year without fail; Dr. Monsour for his help, advice, of course, food; my parents for giving me what I needed, including a swift kick at times; and finally, Pete, my dyke, and John, my brother, for providing me with standards to live up to. I hope I have not let anyone down.

DYKES 1981: Pieter Nauta
1987: Brad Chandler

Rat 4; Cpl. 3; Regt. S-4 Sgt. 2; Pvt. 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Honor Court 2, Pres. 1; *Cadet* Newspaper 4, 3; Lejeune Hall Cadet Asst. 3, 2, Manager 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; R.F. Mag.

Thomas Dominic Carboni

"Calabono, Boni"
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Civil Engineering — Air Force

As I look back at the past four years of my collegiate life, I can only wonder how different I would be had I chosen another school to go to. I have very mixed emotions concerning my four years here, ranging from total happiness to grave depression. However from the very moment I stepped within the walls of the Institute, the gauntlet was thrown to the ground, and the challenge to stay, with all of its vague rewards, was irresistible. During my stay at the "I," I have made some dear friends who will never be forgotten. To my roommates Gus, John, Tom and Jack, living with you guys has been great. Bruce and Todd, the crazy times together have been numerous and flagrant. Royce and Margaret Jones, thanks for the home away from home. Last, but most importantly, thanks to you Mom and Dad for being there when I needed you. I love you.

"You only slap by this way once. If you play your cards right — once is enough!"
John "Whitey" Sullivan

DYKES 1981: Gabe Mastobuono
1987: Gerry Ledlow

Varsity Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2; ASCE 4, 3, 2; Stammtisch 2, 1; The Four Reasons 4, 3, 2, 1; Deserter's Anonymous 4, 3, 2.

Robert Mayham Carpenter

"Pitts, Pit, Carp"
Trenton, New Jersey
Math — Air Force

My 4 years at VMI can best be described as an experience; some good some bad. I've made some close friends here, and I hope they will continue after graduation. I have many people to thank for writing and encouraging me during my stay at VMI, but I would especially like to thank my parents for putting up with me these past 4 years, and for the love and support they have given me throughout my life. Steph, what else can I say but thanks for being there when I needed you. I Love You. Your letters were my survival for the past three years. Also, thanks for putting up with VMI and making those long trips to Lexington for our junior high "Hops." Rich, Bill, and Rob, I'll miss all of you: Good Luck.
P.S. Lynn, Howard, and Beth: Thank you.

DYKES 1981: Al McGlaughlin
1987: Ray Davis

Dean's List 4, 3, 2; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Pvt. 1; OGA; Rat Training Cpl.; Sgt.; Commander; Posit Comm.; Softball 4; Tutor 3; TCFC Bookkeeper; Computer Room 1; Sps 1.

Mark Elliot Carter

"Ghost, Ghost Man, D.M."
Dedham, Massachusetts
Biology — Air Force

It is not the critic who counts, not the one who points how the strong man stumbled or how the doer of deeds might have done them better.

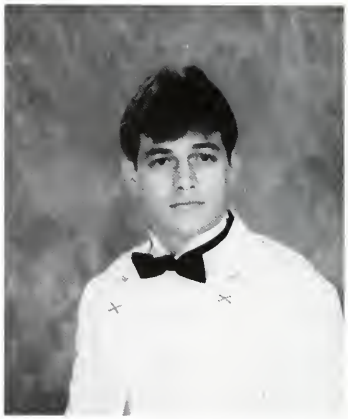
The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred with sweat and dust and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who, if he wins, knows the triumphs of high achievement, and who, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with the cold and tired souls who know neither victory nor defeat.

Theodore Roosevelt

I wish to thank my mother and father for their support during my four years at VMI. Without them, I never would have made it.

DYKES 1981: Gregory Bennett Doyle
1987: James Greene, Alfred Pantano

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Glee Club 4; Fencing 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 1; Theatre 1; Scuba Club 1; Virginia State Sabre Champion 3, 2, 1.



Michael Scott Carter

"Jungle-Bot, Scooter, Muscle Head"
Orlando, Florida
Chemistry — Army

Had I known the ways of the Institute beforehand I would have had one hell-of-a-time at some small southern college avoiding the books and prefecting my sociability. However, I have no regrets on my decision of becoming a cadet; in fact, I believe the choice has given me the best four years of my life. Although there are many aspects of VMI discipline I disagree with, the experience has been more than worthwhile. I guess this can mainly be attributed to the friends I've made as a cadet. Living three years with the same guys creates the only aspect of VMI I find difficult to leave, but I know they will be more than just memories.

Before I sign off, I want to thank the two people whose support kept me going. Thanks Mom and Dad. I love you both.

DYKES 1981: John "EARS" Locker
1987: Troy "Grape Ape" Clark

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Demerit King 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2; ACS 1; Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Conduct Probation 4, 3, 2, 1.

Gregory Michael Cavallaro

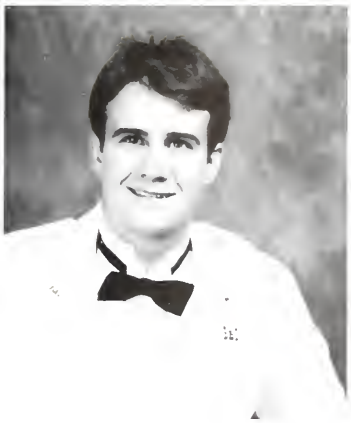
"The Cav, Freak"
Newport News, Virginia
History — Army, Infantry

Success isn't always measured by the grades or achievements that one obtains, but more so by the understanding of the life that one leads. Understanding is the key to everything in life. Without understanding, the world around us, true happiness, love or the meaning of life will never be found.

There are some things about VMI that I don't ever expect to understand. However, my appreciation for those things will continue to grow. There is one aspect about VMI that I will always cherish above all else. The memories, trust, care and understanding, in the life-long relationships I developed, will never be forgotten, Chip, John, Tim and Johnny — I'll never walk alone! What more can be said besides thanks and that I love you. Mom, Dad, Chip, Heidi and Carolyn — thank you for the inspiration. I hope I've lived up to your expectations. Rock and Adreane — you're the greatest. Candice; "God bless you."

DYKE 1981: K. Owermohel, P. Perry, K. Davidson
1987: King "The King" Mayse

Boxing 4, 3, 2, 1; 1981 Virginia State A.A.U. Champion and Outstanding Boxer; Grub Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Assistant; Fratelli Club; Azalea Festival Escort; Academically Undistinguished.



Robert Randolph Chapman III

"Bob"
Suffolk, Virginia
Economics — Army, Field Artillery

Coming from the peanut fields of Suffolk, I hardly knew what was in store for me at VMI. However, I quickly found life at VMI unique to say the least. I have seen both the good times, and the times I wish I had never heard of VMI. Overall, I feel the good outweighs the bad.

My cadetship here would not have been possible without the friendships of so many people. Tex, Mike, Tom, y'all are the best, I could have never found three better people to live with.

To the rest, Spruill, Chuck, Wilson, Matt, Clay, Hal, Steve, Pat, Doug, John, Riddler and the list goes on, thank you. Mrs. Locher thanks for all the meals. Mr. and Mrs. Nurney, your visits were appreciated greatly. Frances, thanks for understanding. I'll always treasure our times together. Dad, Mom, Mary, thank you for all your love and support. My graduation goes out to all of you.

DYKES 1981: Larry "Butt" Butler
1987: Alan Cowan, Kellam Arres

Tennis 4, 3, Pvt. 4, Cpl. 3, Pvt. 2, 1, SCSC 2, Sir Edmund Hillary Club 4, 3, 2, 1, Soc. Young Economists, Cadet Asst., Soc. Young Democrats 400 Club.

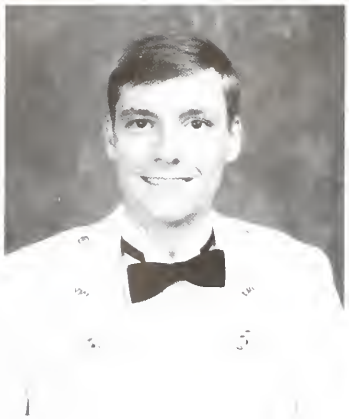
Jamie Edward Clark

Sharpsville, Pennsylvania
English — Marine

At this particular institution where emotions simmer in a pressure cooker and the most vocal language is that which is rarely spoken, it is particularly difficult to purge superficiality and really get to know someone. I can easily recall February 15, 1980, the day of my S-5 tour when I first met Jim Clark. Jamie, the less masculine name that he prefers, has a side contrary to that which I first saw. Few people know or would imagine that this immaculate individual was overweight in high school or that he spent two months on confinement as a Rat! I still find it impossible to believe that after one exceptionally "wet" night on the town, this guy actually kissed me! Yeech! There are some men for whom this Institute has instilled honor, but there are a few rare men who are an honor to this institution. Thanks for being a friend.

DYKES 1981: Paul Brier
1987: James McGuire

Rat 4; Cpl. 3; MSgt. 2; Reg. X.O. 1; Class President; Rifle Team 4.



Robert Daniel Clark

"Pinhead, Dad, Robby"
Sykesville, Maryland
Biology — United States Marine Corps

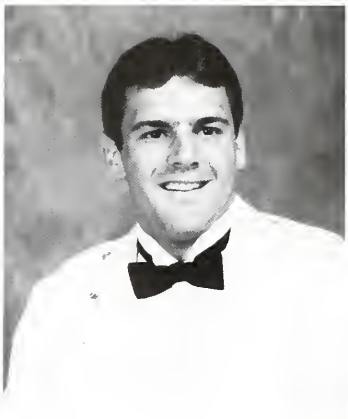
I don't have the space available to write even a brief history of my cadetship since that fateful day, 20 August 1980. I would, however, like to mention my thanks and appreciation to some people who made life (survival) here not only possible, but enjoyable.

I must thank Mama and Papa Kenkel and Mama and Papa Hirsch. You all have treated me like your own son and I deeply appreciate it. I'd like to thank Chuck Foster and Jim Dixon. We've had some good times together, let's not let graduation put an end to them. A special thanks goes to my two "best buddies" Jim "Husky Kenkel" and Mark "Lizard Head" Hirsch. We've made a great trio and it will continue into the future. (Even it Jim is a ranker, right Mark!)

Last but not least I'd like to thank my family. Mom, Dad, after all the trouble the three of us are finally graduating. You deserve the diploma as much as I do. Thanks for everything.

DYKES 1981: Charles Scott Falls
1987: Charles Monroe Allgood

Private 4, 3, 1; Sergeant 2; Marine Detachment 2, 1; Disciple of Ranke 1.



Barry Wayne Coceano

"B.C., Co-Co"
Medford, New Jersey
History — Navy

It was so hard to sit and summarize four years at VMI into 150 words. The best comparison I can make of it, is to that of a roller-coaster. It is four continuous years of ups and downs.

The friends I have made and the experiences gained are irreplaceable and will be treasured for the rest of my life.

To my roommates: Sully, Killer, Rod, and Dave. I wish you guys the best in years to come. I guess our time has come to leave "The Nest" and head on to bigger and better things.

A special thanks has to go to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jay and their family, who provided me a home away from home. And to Uncle Al, thanks for everything.

Finally the most important thank you goes to Mom and Dad. Without your love and support, I surely would never have made it through VMI. I love you both very much.

DYKES 1981: John Ferry
1987: Steve Wilson

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; 1st Batt. S-4 1; Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; TCFC Treasurer; BOMB Staff 1; Rat Line Review Committee.

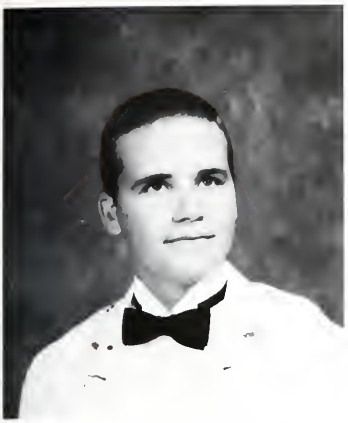
David Scott Collie

"Bone, Natureboy, Country"
Salem, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Air Force

The rat line, what an experience! I thought that time would never end. Life was hard but the quality of companionship made it bearable. I'll never forget my rat-year roommates Mange, Sam, and ye, of course, Jeff "The Snorer" Levenson. When I was a rat, I remember thinking that something had to change, something did . . . me. I must have aged, three years in one. The next three years brought many exciting times. Running the block, Zolloman's parties, Corps trips, Hops, many fun times at Radford, and eventually Ring Figure, which is truely one of the most memorable times of my life, thanks to you, Melody. To my parents, "We made it." That diploma is just as much yours as it is mine. Thanks for the financial support and most of all your love and understanding. Dad, all those motivating lectures from Roanoke to Lexington were not in vain. To my roommates, Jeff, Steve, and Carter, good luck and stay in touch.

DYKES 1981: Jim Migliarese
1987: Jim Beach

Academically Distinguished 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Baseball 4; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Ring Figure Committee; Radford Hit-man; West Point Survivor.



Barton Ghent Combs

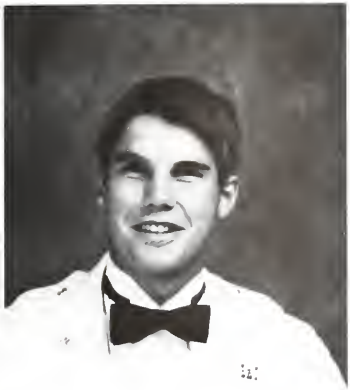
"Battlin' Bart, Shrew"
Charlotte, North Carolina
History — Army

"We the willing
Led by the unknowing
Are doing the impossible
For the ungrateful
We have done so much
For so long
With so little
We are now qualified
To do anything
With nothing"

Why, Dave?

DYKES 1981: Steve Shaffer
1987: Mark Bartholf

Cpl. 3; MSgt. 2; 1st Batt. S-3 1; Airborne 3; Ranger 2; Ranger Plt. 4, 3,2, 1; Firefighters 3; Pres. Parachute Club 2, 1; VMI Theatre 2; Dean's List 2.



William Edward Comer

"Ted, Jeep, BirdDog"
Roanoke, Va.
Biology (B.S.) — Army, Engineers

My primary reason for coming to V.M.I. was to stay out of trouble. I don't think I kept myself away from trouble but many friends saved me from terrible experiences. Some rescue missions that come to mind include W+L heaven or hell frat patries and various wayward women. The most important thing acquired from V.M.I. is the everlasting friends. Without them, the experience would be for naught. I can't say I've had a great time here, however, like most everyone else I don't regret coming to V.M.I. The fond memories of a rapid four years will always follow me wherever I go. I must thank my family and roommates for everything and I extend my wishes that Alvin, Allan, and even Detroit graduate as quickly as possible.

DYKES 1981: Robert R. Thompson
1987: Allan Greene

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Red Cross Bloodmobile Committee 3, 2, 1; Varsity Golf 4, 3, 2, 1; Captain Golf Team 1; Monogram Club 3, 1; 144-146 Social Club.

Philip Corbo

"Combat Corbo, The Slim Jim Man"
Bridgewater, New Jersey
History — Army, Infantry

What can one say about their experience at V.M.I. that has not already been said? The years I have spent both here and away from the Institute have afforded me a unique experience and opportunity to grow and discover things that I would never have had the chance to do at any other place. Even though it has been a long, hard road, at times filled with despair and heartache, I would never trade my experience, both good and bad, for anything.

I would like to express special thanks to my family. Dad, Mom, Sandi, and of course Leslye. Thanks so much for helping make my dreams become a reality.

I would also like to thank Chris, Dan, Will, John, Susan, Jim Thorp, and yes, even you, Sinnott. It's friends like you that make life worth living. Good luck to all of you in whatever you do.

Thanks again everyone.

DYKES 1981: Greg White
1987: Mark Lund

Pvt. 4, 3, 1; Rifle Team 4, Asst. Mgr. 3, Mgr. 1; Ranger Plt. 4, 3; AUSA 4, 3, 1; "Road Scholar" 2; Illegal Car & Camper Club 4, 3; OPFOR Aggressor 3, 1; *Real* College Student 2.

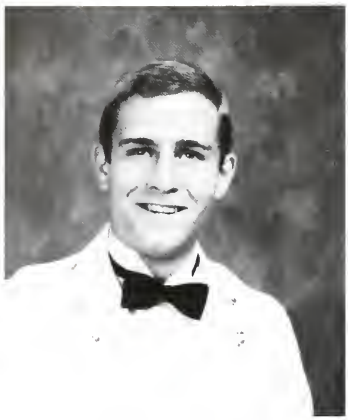
Patrick Jay Coulson

"Bucky, Coke, P.J."
Fairfax, Virginia
Economics — Air Force, Navigator

"Why did I come to V.M.I.," was my first thought as I matriculated and will be my last thought as I cross the stage at graduation. But, looking back, I guess it was worth it; and as hard as it is for me to say it, I'm glad that I came here. I could have had a much better time at a normal college but then I would have missed out on four years of a unique and incomprehensible lifestyle. There were bad times such my entire 2nd class year (4½ months of confinement, that unforgettable Easter Hop), and there were good times: letting the "rain" fly in on the way back from Baldwin, beach parties, road trips, mornings with Sunshine to name a few. Thanks to my roommates Cap, Roon, Condor and this year Gee, it has been bearable. Thank you to everyone who stood behind me, especially my Mom and Dad for your love and encouragement (money also!), my B.R.'s and Va. Tech student, Lindsey, for betting me $100 that I wouldn't make it.

DYKES 1981: Ben McClellan
1987: Pat McAleer

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; IRC 4, Sec. IRC 3; SCSC 2; "I Love Steve" Club 3, 2, 1; Glad to be a Pvt. 4, 2, 1.



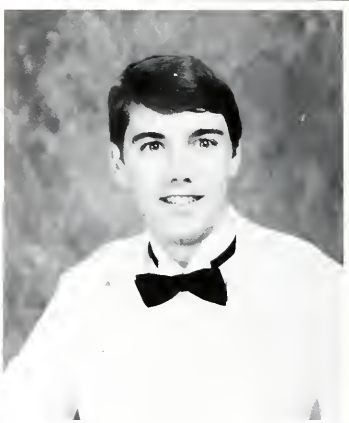
Donald Ray Craighead

"Don, Donnie, Chipmunk"
Roanoke, VA
History — Marine Corps/Aviation

Well I can't believe I'm finally writing my first class history. I remember when my dyke was writing his it seemed so far away; and it has been. I've come so far since high school, there has been so much here that has changed my life. The workouts, the studies, and yes even the marines at summer camp. Craig, Ray, and even you Nick, I've really enjoyed our times together. Of course there were bad times but it wouldn't be life without them. I'll really miss you guys and I hope the best for you. A lot of people have influenced me during my stay here. Mom, Dad, Sue and Dave, Thanks for your constant love and support, I would have never made it without you. Glenn, Good luck, just keep laughing while you're here, it will be over before you know it. Carol, I've enjoyed our times together and expect more great times in the future. You're a very special girl and I love you!

DYKES 1981: Gary Bowman
1987: Glenn "Ferrari" Ferreira

Academically Extinguished 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Waiter 3, 2, 1; Wrestling 4; Ski Club 2, 1; Ring Figure Rock Painter 2; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1.



Cecil M. Criss III

"Giles French, Wiesel"
Coral Gables, Fla.
Electrical Engineering/Navy

Upon first arrival, four years seemed like a lot of time. Some have been hard and not without anguish. But they were not long years. The time and effort put forth were well worth it. Many of my co-matriculates will never realize this; For they have left, and behind them, the VMI experience. People ask why I came here, and I reply, why didn't you? VMI is not for everyone, but anyone can make it. I did. Someone once wrote,

"To achieve all that is possible
we must attempt the impossible;
To be as much as we can be,
we must dream of being more."

The impossible has been attempted and achieved. There are many dreams to come.

I would like to close by thanking my parents and grandparents for their unfailing moral support through the rough times.

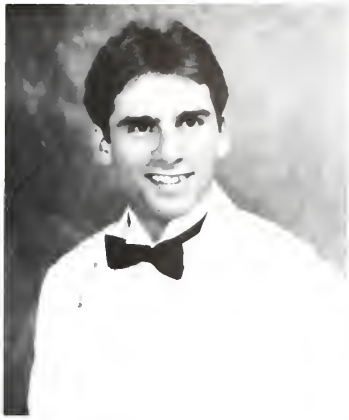
DYKES 1981: Garry Collins
1987: Mathew Jeffery Johnson

Kenneth Richard Crowder

"Chowder, Harpo-Head, Son of Captain Clean"
Newport News, Virginia
Economics — Army

Ever since I was a little kid and passed by this "InstitOte" I always told my parents I was going to go there. Now that the dream has become a reality I kick myself every day for being a stupid kid. This place has done a lot to "build character," but I don't believe I needed as much as I received. Too stubborn to leave, I wait out days until I'm free. I love this place and hate it with equal passion. I'll probably end up coming back all dressed in red and yellow with a drink in my hand. "The pain and agony one endures makes the reward all the sweeter."

Track 4, 3, 2, 1.



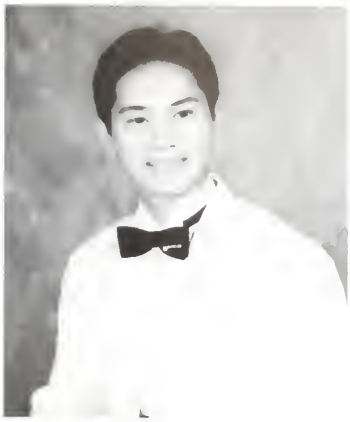
John Carroll Cummings

Leesburg, Virginia
Physics — Army

When I walked through limits gates four years ago I had no idea what to expect. I was left to survive in a strange hostile world.

I began thinking aboOt leaving on the third day of Cadre, and I bucked the system all the way. Now, though it's often hard to step back from the frustrations of VMI, I think I'm beginning to realize the value of the education I have received here.

Undoubtedly, I never could have made it without the support of my friends and family. I want to thank my roommates: Dew, Darryl, and Toby, and my good friend, Jim Scanlon, for always keeping me on track when I was ready to give up. Thanks Mom, Dad, Jamie, Aunt Nancy, and Grandmama for your invaluable advice and needed financial support. And I want to thank God, for I know I could never have survived without his help.



Phuc Thien Dao

"Phil, Disco, P.T."
Falls Church, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Air Force

Since coming here was the wisest decision of my life, I was willing to accept the challenges of VMI. Being a foreign student, I had difficulties understanding a new language, and preserving my native tongue. Graduation day is probably the greatest moment of my life. However, I wouldn't have made it without the love, help, and encouragement of my mother, lover, relatives, faculty and my brother rats.

Toi yeu tieng nuoc toi
Tu khi moi ra doi
Me hien ru nhung cau xa voi
A oi! Tieng ru muon doi
Tieng nouc toi, tieng me sinh
TO luc nam noi, khuat ngan nam
thanh tieng long toi, nuoc oi!!!
Toi yeu tieng ngang troi
Nhung cau ho gian hon khong nguoi
Nho nhung hoai manh tinh xa xoi
Vun di vao mong dep ngay mai.

DYKES 1981: ManOel Jacob Auancena
1987: Somkiat Sampan

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Glee Club 4, 3; Fencing 3; Sport Parachute Club 2, 1; Karate Club (Treas.) 2, (Pres.) 1; ASCE 2, 1.

Christie H. Davidson Jr.

"Claw, Suhe, Nosdivad"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army, Armor

I guess I should start with matriculation day. I was the first member of our class to see the Superintendant. Little did I know it would not be the last time.

Next came third class year when I met the girl I fell in love with, the new Superintendant (personally), and my savior — President Reagan. Amelda stayed with me, but my freedom did not.

Second class year began with freedom. Ring Figure brought lots of laughs and a membership in the #1 club. A change of scenery became necessary so I entered the world of Charlie Co. Thanks to their help and my own perseverance the year ended in freedom.

All I have left is to thank the people I love. Mom, Dad, Debbie, all I can say is thanks and I love you very much. Amelda, I love you more than you realize, thanks for being there.

DYKES 1981: Mark David
1987: Ritch Harrell

Rapelling Cadre 3; Confinement Club 2; Number One Club 2; Rugby 2, 1; Cadet 5.

Mark Alan Davis

"Mark"
Evington, Virginia
Electrical Engineering — Army

"Brother Rat," a term that defies description, but here at VMI it refers to the bonds of friendship and loyalty found at no other institution in the United States. Although I have many "Brother Rats," there is one "BR" who I consider my brother, the one I never had. Mark is not just the perfect example of the VMI man, but of an outstanding person as well. He is a man of integrity and honor, of loyalty and strength, but at the same time there is a kindness about him that cannot be found in many people, and to put it simply, when VMI is renowned for producing the whole man, one can look at Mark Davis and see that VMI has not failed.

RLH

Mom and Dad, I just want to thank you for giving me the chance you never had. I hope that some day I will be able to repay you for all of the sacrifices you have made.

MAD

DYKES 1981: Shelton, L.C.
1987: Johnson, W.B.

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; AUSA 4; IEEE 2, 1; Fire Fighters 4; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Airborne 3; Ranger 2; Dist. Military Student and Graduate.

Tynan Andrew Dawson

"Ty-Ty, Ty, Morocco Mole"
Troy, New York
German, Infantry

During my first three years here, I felt only the deepest contempt for the "Mother I." Having attended Ft. Bragg for six weeks, I now possess a much greater optimism and opinion about VMI.

I would like to thank many people. Mom and Dad, you were always there when I needed you, and I hope I am worthy of all you have done. To the Class of 1984, thanks BRs especially, the grand triumvirate of Rm. 153. Shawn, good luck in the Marines. To Nils Weirick, you were the best roommate anyone could have had; thank you and your family for all you have done. Finally, to John Minehan, the past ten years have been a true learning experience. You have shown me many things that I probably would have missed by myself. Thank you and good luck.

Wer sein selbst Meister ist und sich beherrschen kann, dem ist die weite Welt und alles untertan.

DYKES 1981: Rick Hubbard
1987: Ernie Sacco

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat XO "Mad Dog" Delta Co.; AUSA 4; Street Hockey 4; Softball 3; Tanker Plt. 3; Cpt./Maj. King Fan Club 4, 3, 2; Army Scholarship; RECONDO, Ft. Bragg.

Myrl Wesley Demory

"Dem, Wes, Muggsy"
Vienna, Virginia
Economics — Navy

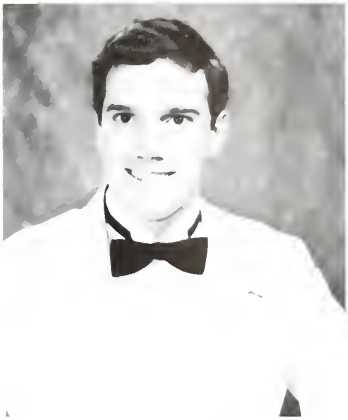
— What this place takes is patience, lots and lots of patience, but man, I ain't got no more! —

That saying fits VMI. After 4 years here I realize that it has been one long test of patience which I have come close to failing many times. Somehow though, I seem to have come through more or less sane and I hope that some day I'll find that I have actually learned something.

The credit for me making it this far goes partly, of course, to the support I've gotten from my family and friends, but I think most of it belongs to the stubbornness that I inherited from my parents. Thanks Mom and Dad!

DYKES 1981: W. H. (Trip) Lloyd
1987: Andrew Campi

pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Fencing 4, 3; New Market March 3, 2; VMI Fire Fighters 2, 1; Associate Member — Royal Order of Malcontents, Clark King Chapter.



James Robert Dillon

"Jim, Marshall, The Irish Setter"
Great Falls, Virginia
History — Army, Infantry

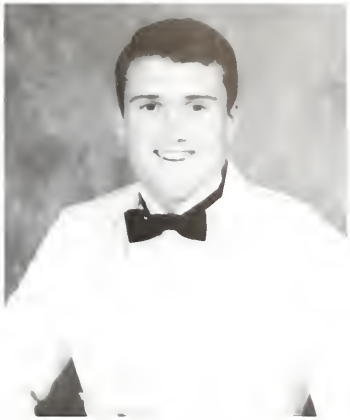
There is one thread that holds together a cadet's life at VMI and that is friendship. For me this started with my dyke (Brumie '81) and will end with my dyke (Curtis '87). In between them are so many wonderful people that it would be impossible to name them, but each will always have a place in my heart. I would, however, like to thank a few for always being there. Brumie, for teaching me the ropes of cadet life, especially those for use after taps. My roommates — you have to admit guys, we had fun despite "the system." To Cindy, Mark, Arnie, and the rest of the swim team for making VMI bearable — "What's it gonna be, road trip or pool party?"

Finally to my family for the confidence and support you have given me over the past 21 years, without you I wouldn't have made it!

To the Class of 1984 — It's been real!

DYKES 1981: Mark Brumenschenkel
1987: Curtis Schoonmaker

Swim Team 4, 3, 2, 1, Co-Capt. 1; Water Polo 3, 2, 1, Vice Pres. and Pres. 2, 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Musketeer 3, 2; TD Club 3; Joan Jett Fan Club 3, 2, 1



William Ray Dingeman

"Spud, Ding Ding, Wildman"
Alexandria, Virginia
Economics — Army, Infantry

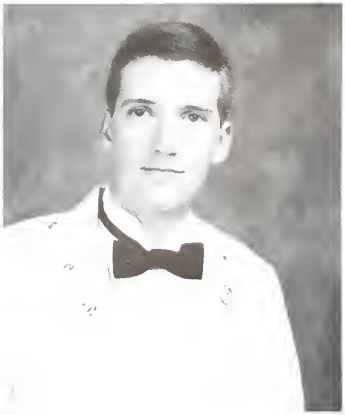
It's difficult to express in such a small space my experiences of the last few years here at the "I". The hardships, joys, challenges, and friendships, I will truly never forget.

I'll forever be grateful to VMI for teaching me so much about my own personal strengths, weaknesses, and about the essential humaness of all. I've learned to care about other people, especially this fine assembly of men; my brother rats. I've also learned to appreciate many of the intangibles of life that are often so illusive.

Finally, I would like to thank my parents and family for their love and support all these years. Thanks also to James, for being such a good friend and confidant.

DYKES 1981: Trip Lloyd
1987: Adrian Garcia

Pvt 4, 3, 2, 1; Glee Club 4, 3; AUSA 4, 3, 2, 1; Billing Manager VMI CADET 1; Marine Corps Marathon 1; Airborne School 3; AROTC Scholarship 2, 1; Boxing 4, 3



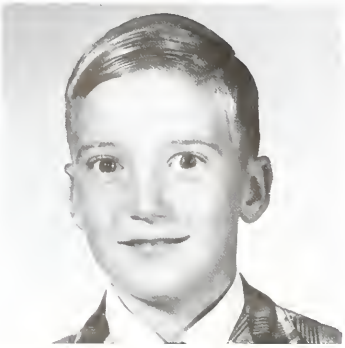
James Kirk Dixon

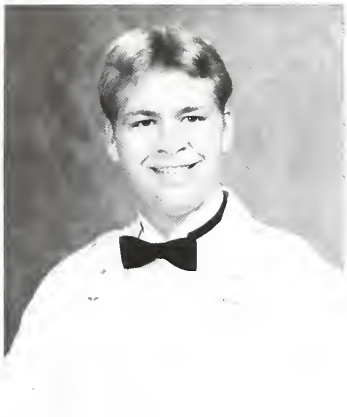
"The Tin Man, Hop Along, Mr. Jimmy Boy"
Canton, Ohio
Economics/USMC

To use the words of James Webb, Jr., VMI has been "the womb of my adulthood." I came to VMI self-confident, only to have all my illusions shattered by the realities of the Ratline. With God's help and with the aid of friends and family I emerged from this experience a better man. Each succeeding experience at VMI proved to be a milestone in the development of my maturity and manhood. I cherish every friend I have ever made here. I treasure the memories of Ring Figure and hope that my work resulted in fond memories for my Brother Rats. My semester abroad taught me to appreciate VMI, my dear friends, and my family — for I learned the sadness of the departure from here, away from companions. I thank you Lord, my mother, family and friends; you will be forever with me in my thoughts and prayers.

DYKES 1981: Ron McGee
1987: Eddie Ledford

Ring Fig. Comm. Chairman 2; Ring Design Comm. Chairman 2; Douglas Carter France, III Mem. Award 2; USMC Detach. 4, 3, 2, 1; Pre-Law Soc. 4, 3; Foreign Study Student (Vienna, Austria) 2.





Robert Austin Doyle

"Dirtbag, Bag, Doc"
Mount Vernon, Virginia
B.S. Biology-Air Force

Four long years ago, with a bottle of 151 in my hand, I chose to go to VMI. The hangover I had the next day did not compare to the last four years that I have spent here. Rat year proved to be the biggest shock of my life. I fought the RDC (8 times) and my roommates and I 494 F.O.R. Third class year was no better but I became one of the Superheroes in the continuing story of the Tool and the Bag. Second class year brought Ring Figure and my beautiful Karen for a glorious weekend. Finally, First class year has added responsibility (two idiotic Rats) and massive road-trips with Hollywood. VMI has brought me many great friends, Clay, Matt, Mark, Warren, Jerry, Tool and all the Varsity "84" Bio majors.

Brother Rats: We made it!!

Karen, I love you!!

Thanks Mom and Dad! Without your encouragement and love my cadetship would have been unbearable and short.

DYKES Kevin Canfield
1987: Bryan Cornwell, Craig MacDonald

Arnold Air Society; 494 FOR; 312 Rack-Catchers; Varsity Bio.; 265 Gawking Club; 165 Gawking and Talking Club; Low Riders; Cocktails-for-Two; KCG Club.

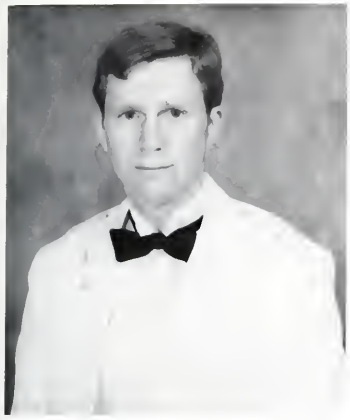
Mark Alan Draper

"Drape, Mad, Drapie"
Chesapeake, Virginia
Economics-Air Force

Being the forever procrastinator, I decided to finally sit down and do this assignment on the eve of its due date, by far a most difficult assignment. How can one put four years of VMI into 150 words? I suppose my arriving at VMI could be considered a series of closed doors and heartbreaks. My ultimate goal was to become a pilot by means of the Air Force Academy. My dream of attending the academy was shattered during my senior year in high school. God, however, provided a four year scholarship instead. A new dream was born. Seeking a pilot slot was also a series of disappointments. Once again, in my weakness, God provided a pilot slot in my second class year. Looking back now, it all seems shallow because God provided me with something more important, more valuable than anything I could ever imagine: the friendship of Steve, Zane, and Jeff. Thanks for everything Mom, Dad, and Chaplain Caudill. — M.A.D.

DYKES 1981: Edler Lash
1987: Russell L. Mitchell Jr.

Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lieutenant 1; FCA; Religious Council; Drug and Alcohol Awareness Committee; Rat Training Company Commander; Glee Club (Pres.).



Jon Stephen Droff

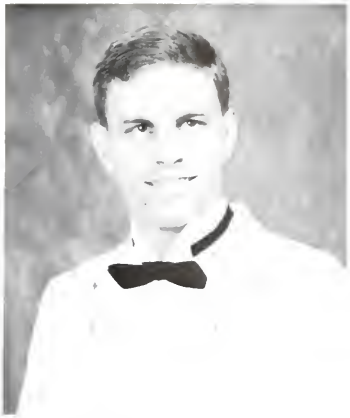
"K.C., Grinch, Phillip"
Alexandria, Virginia
Chemistry-Navy

I came to VMI not knowing what exactly to expect, but I soon found out. 426 was the place to be. Thanks Scott and Herm, the two guys I followed up the stoop the first day and whom I'm still rooming with. How did you guys survive me?! Thanks for the many times you saved my rear Hig. Third Class year didn't start off too well, coming back to find Rats living in our room. So we moved to the second stoop for two years. Then first class year, once again we were without a room for the five of us. It's too bad we couldn't stay together Kevin and Hig. Wasn't Summer School great, Matt. It's been a long four years and can be stated best by Robert Frost . . . "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."

Thanks Dad, Mom, Jennifer, and Janna, without whose support I would have never made it.

DYKES 1981: Robert Eakle
1987: Walter (!#?* Bag) Via

Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Rat Co. X.O. 1; Circle K Club 3, (Vice Pres.) 2, (Pres.) 1; BOMB Circulation Manager 3; Commanders 4, 3, 2; ACS 2, 1.



Jeffrey Alan Duncan

"Dune, #?!@*"
Fredericksburg, Virginia
Economics-Marine

I do not think that I will ever miss VMI though I will miss those who I have come to know like brothers. In many ways VMI has changed me in a negative sense, but in the same breath I must admit that the system has done me a great deal of good. There is no way that I could possibly thank those special people to whom I would like to say thank you. Mom and Dad, thank you for the push and encouragement through all of the griping and complaining. Thank you Terri for your letters and understanding. Without these, I would have lost my marbles. Last, I would like to thank Ratman and J.R. for putting up with me for two years. I can honestly say that I am ready to graduate.

DYKES 1981: Jeffrey E. Carter
1987: Terry Sutherland

Private 4, 3, Cpl. 3, Master Sergeant 2, 1st Lt. 1; Dean's Other List 4, 3.

William Brownell Dyer III

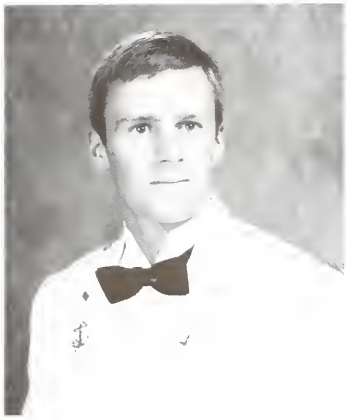
"Bill, W.B., Apple Pie, Nature Boy"
Harrison burg, Virginia
Electrical Engineering-Air Force

Anyone who has ever worn the Ring knows that it is impossible to make it through VMI alone, and I'm no exception. I'm thankful that I was blessed with such close and reliable friends while I was here . . . Bob, Burt, Mango, Clay, Tom, and Charlie, you guys are the best. To my closest friends outside the Institute, Todd, Bill, and Lynda, it's your support and encouragement that kept me going when there was nothing left. How can I ever repay you?

Finally, my parents, Mom and Dad, you have been the kindest, most loving parents any young man could possibly ask for. You guided and supported without ever pushing. You taught me about things that textbooks can't touch; love and patience, and you never lost faith in me. I guess a lot of the victories and triumphs that I've had here could be considered personal. Not this one, though, not the diploma. It will be ours. Yes, this victory, this triumph will be ours . . . together. WBDIII

DYKES 1981: Frank Bell ('80)
1987: Charlie Early

PVT 4, 3, 2, 1; OGA 1; Drug and Alcohol Abuse Comm. 1; Football 2, 1; CPB 2, 1; FCA 3, 2, 1; VMI Escort 2, 1; R.F. Hotel Comm. Chrmn. 2; Cheridr 2; Ski Club; Young Republicans 4, 3; Racquetball Supervisor.



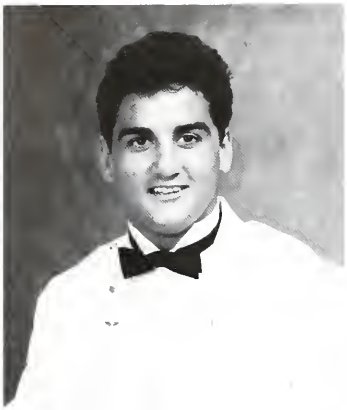
Michael Efremov

"Ef, Czar"
Here and There
English-Navy

The Pig and I at the "I" — good times, bad times, but one hell of a rough party and it's time to sober up.

DYKES 1981: Ed Lawless
1987: Tom Murray

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; A Co. Rat XO 1; English Dept. Cadet Asst. 1; English Society Historian 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Soccer 4, 3, 2, 1; Scuba Club President 1.



John Michael Ehrenberger

"Johnny"
Newport News, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Air Force

I feel that this is by far the hardest assignment I've had while at the Institute. Just how do you go about writing the history of such a bizzare place? No one will believe nor understand what we go through to become so called VMI men responsible, high on life and full of character.

So I would like to leave those who follow some words of experience. Make goals in life and strive to reach them. Don't take everything so seriously, learn to laugh. Bend over for each blow but don't walk around with your tail between your legs. Walk away from trouble but stand up and fight for what's rightfully yours. And most of all, nothing is warmer to a person's heart than a smile, don't ever lose it!

Thanks Freaky Cav, Johnny Lighting, Ranger Rick, and Chocolate Chip!

God bless em, I made it!

DYKES 1981: Joe Rosenberger
1987: Jack McCarthy

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Wrestling 4, 3, 2, 1; SCSC 2; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1.

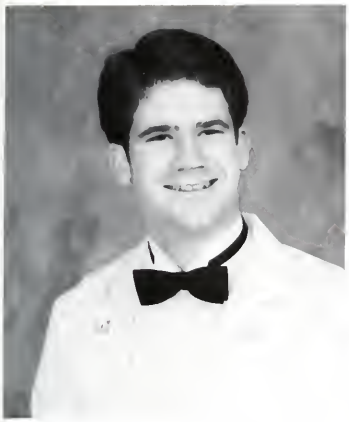
Edward Eugene Elliott

White Stone, Virginia
Electrical Engineering-Air Force

Well Graduation is finally upon us. I would have never have made it through this place without the help of my family and friends. I want to thank my parents for their moral and financial support. My brother and sister for the occasional letter to wipe out the cob webs in my mailbox. My dyke for understanding and listening to all my problems. My roommates, who always woke me and Al at 2AM every night shooting the Bull. Special thanks to Dan and Jeff who have roomed with me since matriculation. And thanks to everyone who helped me one way or another. So long BR's we went through a lot together for four years. And so long to Mike. One year is down and only three more to go, enjoy it.

DYKES 1981: Greg Lynam
1987: Michal D. McDaniel

Cpl. 3; Navigators 2, 1; Pep Band 4, 3, 2, 1.



James Wilson Enochs III

"Will, Wilbur, Red"
Hopewell, Virginia
Civil Engineer — Army

I often wondered whether the grief was worth it, and even to the point of considering leaving. The traumas of everyday life at VMI are sometimes too real and hard to control and to place in perspective. Yet, as I look back at my stay, though it was no bowl of cherries, I managed to have a good time. The true worth of this experience is in the discipline and the friendships found under this system uniquely. The latter, which is particularly important to me, is the brightest fact of the VMI. It is reassuring to know that no matter where we go or what we do the many people that in order to recognize them all I would have to allot this space purely to friends and relatives. But, I owe special thanks to Mom and Dad for your confidence and support, without which all this would have never been possible.

DYKES 1981: Grover Outland
1987: J. P. Lemaire

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Rugby 3; Football 1; Hop & Floor Committee 2, 1; Mess Hall Committee; ASCE; Unauthorized Car Club.

Robert Horton Epperson

"Epp, Redneck, Cajun, Wildman"
Wakefield, Virginia
History — U.S. Army/Infantry

Anyone who has a strong penchant for Jim Beam, .44 magnums, fast cars and faster women is not likely to fit in very well at VMI. Yet this rebel came to VMI, and for four years the Institute has tried to make me into a cadet. I don't know if they have succeeded, but I have learned a great deal about courage, pride and honor. VMI has been a love-hate relationship for four years and I have not always been sure which way I lean. Carl, Matt, Chip, and Jay thanks for the good times. I would especially like to thank the one person who was always there when I needed him, and always ready to give me a good swift kick in the butt when I needed it: my father. Dad, if it hadn't been for you they probably would have locked me up a long time ago, thanks for helping me down the road.

"He who acts like a beast gets rid of the pain of being a man."
Hunter S. Thompson

DYKES 1981: Clarkson Meredith
1987: Jeff Brown

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Rugby 4, 3; Boxing 2, 1; Dean's List 3, 2, 1; Professor of Dyke School 2; Budweiser-Blotter Massacre 4; The Void 2; Airborne School 2; Sport Parachute Club 1.

Michael Andrew Ewell

"Tool, Toolbody, Toolus Maximus"
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
Biology — Air Force

Thank Budda it's over! I can't say I haven't benefited from VMI, but why did it have to be such a drag? There have been some good times these past 4 years with Bug, Gerry, Pig, and Eff: Doc's party, Goshen, Dead concerts, Nasty Bohs at Estelle's, Convertibles and those wonderful weekends with Cheryl.

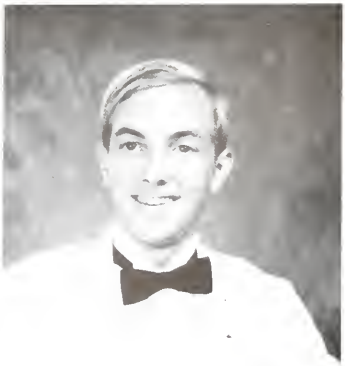
I've learned a little, lived a little, and studied a little. "What a long strange trip it's been." (Good luck Mike, you'll get to a Dead concert yet!!)

Cheryl, if it wasn't for you I would not have come to VMI and because of you I'm graduating. We can finally get married!

Mom, Dad, Grom, Allen, and Karen, I couldn't have done it without you either. Thank you, I love you.

DYKES 1981: Dave Farnsworth
1987: Warren Weiss

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; AFROTC Scholarship 2, 1; Tool and the Bag Adventure Club 3, 2.



Laurence David Fahrney

"Larry, Flash, Laurence of Arabia"
Mclean, Virginia
History — Navy

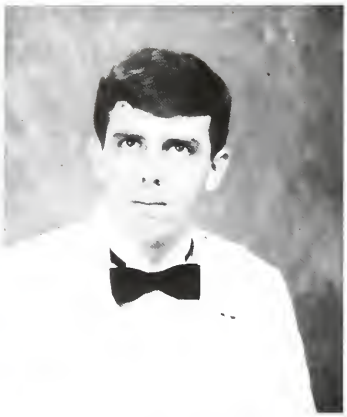
What can I say? It's been four long years of labor but in spite of the I's best efforts I still managed to enjoy myself. Chili and a Natty Bo at Estelle's (or the $2 special), a case at Goshen, or cocktails in the room made life bearable. My B.R's also helped to make the place worthwhile; Jon, J.C., Ronski, Tim and the resident V.W. Freak, Tom, will always remain the best of friends.

VMI is an unforgettable experience. If I had to I would do it again, but not without the support of my family, friends and my Dyke. Thanks All.

Hey Tom, Sure do.
Carry on, you will always remember.
Carry on nothing equals the splender.
Now your life's no longer empty.
— Kansas

DYKES 1981: Mark Hearne
1987: Dan (Lerch) Hall

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Fencing 3, 2, 1; Library Cadet Asst. 3, 2½, 1; Illegal Car Club 3, 2; E.E. 4, 3; Crew '32 RTB 2, 1; Academically Extinguished 3, 2; Summer School 3½, 2½; Capt. Barker Fan Club 2, 1.



Daniel George Feller

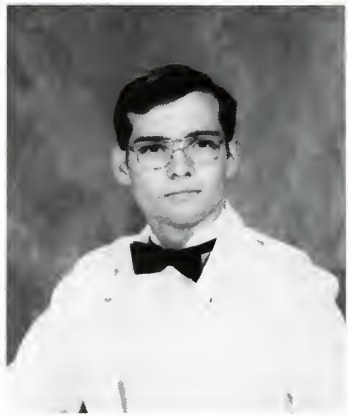
"Dan"
Cincinnati, Ohio
Electrical Engineering — Air Force

Dan always surprised people. Quiet and unassuming, he always seemed to come out well. Dean's List grades in a difficult major, taking a beautiful girl to Ring Figure, and being a sabre bearing NCO at Ring Figure parade, all without changing the basic Dan. A man of good nature with a fine sense of humor. He really was, as our Master Sgt. Scott Fairburn said "one of the finest men to ever enter the arch." Dan always had to put up with a lot from roommates like Flores, Ratman, and myself. Good luck in the future and remember "It builds character." JDM

I wish to thank my parents, Scott Falls, Jim S., John, Rob, my rat roommates Shawn, Steve, and Roger, my roommates Jim, Steve, Mike, and Jeff, and my fellow EE majors.
DGF

DYKES 1981: Scott Falls
1987: Jay Arnaiz

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadre 1; Dean's List 4, 2, 1; Barracks Electrician; Fencing; Tanker Plt.; ETA KAPPA NU



Henry Thomas Ferguson, Jr.

"Ferg, Cato"
Sutherlin, Virginia
Electrical Engineering — Air Force

These past years have proven to be a challenge. Times have been hard and rewarding. The ratline brought both physical and mental strength through the endless sweat paties and personalized attention. It also brought a unique sense of pride and self-confidence from breakout. Other times were just as rewarding such as hops, good grade reports, and those last hours before a furlough. Throughout the dread of confinement and inspections, one thing that has made this worthwhile is knowing true friends. They know who they are. Above all I would like to thank Mom and Dad for their continual support and confidence.

DYKES 1981: Paul Boulden
1987: Dean Xenos

Fire Fighters 3; Karate Club Secretary 2, Vice-President 1.

Shawn Raymond Flores

"Mother Rat, S. Raymond, Psycho"
Stratford, Connecticut
History — United Stated Marine Corps

Unlike others who returned to VMI complaining about Bulldog, Shawn was sorry that it was over, for he loved it. As a rat in AFROTC, Shawn and Steve P. (USMC) quarrelled over quarreled over their respective services. Deep down, though, we knew that Shawn would be a Marine someday. Third class year he joined the ranks of the "few and the proud." From typically pathetic rat grades, the third (eventually second and first) with the short hair and never ending motivation worked his G.P.A. above the 3.0 barrier, until he was one of the top men in his major. Throughout his cadetship Shawn was a highly motivated physical specimen, leading the way in rat training, both as a rat and a first classman. From the first days of straining in August of 80 to the walk across the stage in May of 84, Shawn was a friend and a source of inspiration to his brother rats. — D.G.F.

"I am the father." "Is the ratline still in effect, sir?"

DYKES 1981: Marc Guy Barthello
1987: James "Chip/Frogger" W. Bierman

Gold Coast; Capt. King Fan Club; Dean's List; 33UIBRN; Raid 109; DMZ; L.A. Beach; Marine Detachment; Spirit Sheet; Mess Hall Survivor; Hokie Patrol

Ralph Anton Foertsch

"Ralphie"
Roslyn Harbor, New York
Economics/German — Army

20 August 1980; a day long to be remembered for on that day I was brought face to face with the Institute that would dominate my life for the next four years. It was a long and trying period, but the friendships and lessons of life that I have gained will remain with me forever. My experiences at the Institute have been diverse, Ratline, Breakout (the Trench) and ringfigure, to name a few, and I have gained an appreciation for those things in life which remained rather obscure during my High School years. To my friends at the Institute, keep in touch, and God Bless in your future endeavors! To mom and dad, all my love; your staunch support and encouragement kept me strong and resilient in meeting the challenges of VMI. And to my Uncle, Aunt, Britt and Kristina, I extend a heartwarming thanks, for your understanding and utmost support relieved me from periods of depression and guided me to success.

DYKES 1981: Jim Hanratty
1987: Rennie Sullivan

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Soccer 4, 3, 2; Dean's List 4, 3, 2; Academically Dist. 3, 2; DMS 1; Society of Young Economists 1; Pre-Law Society 1; Investment Club; Who's Who.

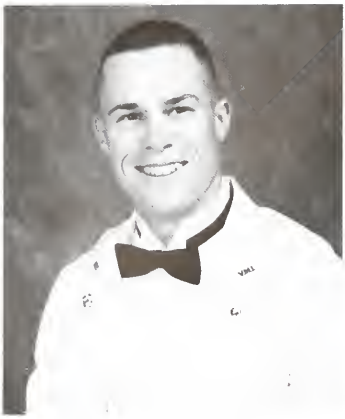
Charles Joseph Foster IV

"Chuck, Chunk, Blinky"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics — Marine

I came here in August 1980 expecting a lot and I got a lot, but not of what I expected. I would not have made it had it not been for the constant pushing from my Dad. The diploma is as much his as mine. I also want to thank Amanda, Beth, Sue, Matt, Andy, and Mom. The VMI experience has been hard on us all, but well worth it.

DYKES 1981: Paul Hartnett
1987: Ralph Hudson

Scuba Club; Sport Parachute Club; Society of Young Economists; Investment Club.



Mark Edward Dougherty

"Mugsy, Floppsy, Jarhead"
Kensington, Maryland
Civil Engineering — Marine

The past four years haven't been the easiest, and without the support of family and friends I wouldn't have made it. The past four years have shown me the true meaning of friendship.

To Kevin, John, and Roland: I say thanks for the great times. The glorious cruise to Puerto Rico, the "geek outs," and of course the wrist slashings. I wish you all the best in the years to come.

To Chris: You're definitely a unique person. Thanks for the great times (17th street). I wish you all the best.

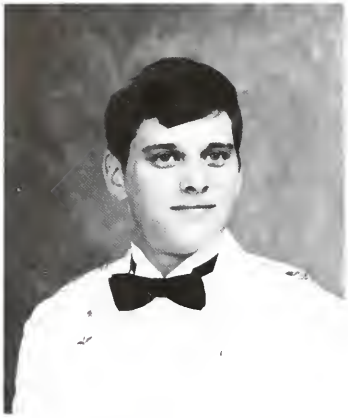
To Zane: I want to thank you for your support and keeping me straight when I needed it. GOOD LUCK!

To Curtis: I want to say thanks for the great times we've shared. We've been thru and done it all. Thanks for being the friend you are! I wish you the very best in everything you do.

THE MUGS!!

DYKES 1981: James Mowton Waring
1987: Charles Dozier, John Nolan

Pvt. 4, 3, 2; Lt. 1; Football 4; RDC Secretary 1; Ring Figure Construction Committee; Glee Club 4.



Edward Rankin Gainsborg Jr.

"Dog Meat, Rankin, E.R., Samurai"
Trenton, New Jersey
Chemistry — Air Force

To my Father and Mother Joy all my love and gratitude always. To my home away from home the Hopper's the same goes to you. To all my friends and B.R.'s, I know that sometimes I may be strange but that is just the way I am, take it or leave it! To Dan and Mat Martin you both have been good friends to know, thanks. Same goes to Pitts and Ghostman, take care you guys. Craig come to Jersey sometime and I'll show you all the garbage and airplanes. To Scott, I am indebted to you, I just hope I helped you as much as you helped me. To Norma thank you for all the joys and sorrows you have given me. I will never forget you. To Laura thanks for just being you. And lastly To Rick, although we disagree a lot you are still my best friend. Take care and keep in touch. I now leave V.M.I. with what I've learned behind me and my life ahead if I make it or not it is my own doing. I wish the same to the rest of the Corps.

DYKES 1981: John (Crusty) Kostisin
1987: Robert (Bud Man) McCarty

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; ACS 1; BSU 4, 3; CWRT 4, 3; Pep Band 4, 3, 2, 1; Glee Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Scuba Club 1; Karate Club 1; VMI Theatre 4, 3, 2, 1; Ring Construction 2; Militaria Society 4, 3, 2, 1.

Matthew James Garten

"Pappa G., Dad, Matt"
Lynchburg, Virginia
Economics — Navy, NFO

"I used to be disgusted, now I try to be amused." Four years is a long time to spend at a place that tried its hardest to suppress free speech, pursuit of happiness, and the right to drink beer on a Friday night. But I wouldn't trade the good memories for the right to throw a chair in the Bandwell anyday (thanks BR Brown) . . . Private Idaho, the Parade *Deck* Exploration Crew, Beach Beach, the Slink Twins, Midnight Riders on the Seventh Frontier, and the others.

I owe my parents my undying love and thanks for their support.

"On my own I faced a gang of jeering . . . When my nerves were pumping and I fought my fear in — I did not run — I was not done. And I have lived that kind of day where none of your sorrows will go away . . . You ain't been there" — CLASH

DYKES 1981: Ed Baylan
1987: John Boughtow

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Pervert 2, 1; The 12 Club 2, 1; Amnesty International 1.

Daniel Jacob Joseph Gettings

Kinnelon, New Jersey
Economics-Army

I came to VMI dreaming of an unrealistic white castle. It was foolish but now I have seen beyond the edited version and the overused descriptions. I have learned to appreciate the school and the people even more after living my own cadetship. I still try to understand why cadets stay. The welcome isn't hospitable and the food tastes bland. What did I learn? I should have no problem dressing in 5 minutes. I learned to live with people. After living with 3 people, a wife should be a cinch. No regrets. A waste of time. Thanks Jim, Pete, Dave, for your friendship and support. I want to thank Mom and Dad for your love and devotion. I'll never forget the times you scraped money to get me thru. Don't worry, I'll get you out of debt somehow. I love you more than you can imagine.

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3, Rat XO: Rat Training 2, 1; Theater 4, 3; Ring Figure Management Staff 2; Number 1 Club.

Kenyon Murry Gill III

"Gilligan, Opie"
Belton, Missouri
History/USMC

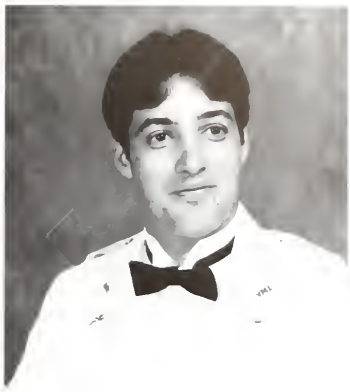
My four years at VMI have been an experience I'll never forget. Demo's, confinement, PT's, parades, inspections — What is this, a military school or something? The friends will always be there when I need them. Mark, Don and Bill, thanks for all the fun. The drinks, the drinks, and the drinks at Ring Figure. Mom and Dad, I would have never made it without your support, and I will never be able to repay you for it.

Pam, you made it all worth it, you made this place bearable and our future together can only be a place of love. I love you.

K.M.G.

DYKES 1981: Dave Loduca
1987: Whimped Out!

Rat (4), Cpl. (3), Sgt. (2), Lt. (1); Intram. Ft.-Ball 3, 2, 1, Capt. 1; College Repub.'s 1st Class Rep.; USMC Detach. 3, 2, 1; Cadet Assistant Lejuene Hall 1.



Thomas Alexander Gillespie

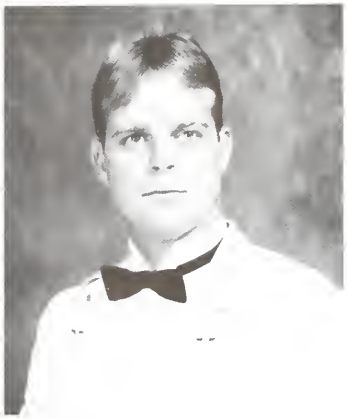
"Sputnik, Dizzy"
Alexandria, Virginia
History-Civilian

After four years at VMI I have Experienced both the good and bad of the Institute. Many times my views were different from those of the majority, but opinions are what makes us who we are. Many times my civilian attitude took over and I tried to leave the thought of VMI behind as I headed uptown. I sometimes beat the system and many times didn't. Has it all been worth it? Right now I think so. I will never forget the good times — my good friends, parties, road trips, the Frats, and Hollins College. But time will tell if my stay has been as beneficial as I hope.

Mom and Dad — Thank you for all your love and support. Jim, Henry, and Scott — Thanks for always being my friends and putting up with antics. Best of luck always. Cristen — Thank you so much for everything. Soon life will be ours together. I love you!

DYKES 1981: Bill Bird
1987: Kevin McClung

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Water Polo 2, 1; Hollins College Weekend Student 2, 1; Academically Extinguished 4, 3, 2, 1; Divine Troublemaker Always Apathy Club 3, 2, 1.



Hubert Lee Gooch, Jr.

"Doctor, Bam-Bam, Herbert"
Dublin, Virginia
Biology — Air Force

After four years of existence at the VMI, it's hard to believe that we are being paroled — uh graduated. I'm not sure what to expect from the "real world" but I hope the next time I sign a check, I'm in a bank.

Knubby, R. G., Toolbody, and "The Bag," being a biology major just would not have been the same without you. Good luck in whatever you do.

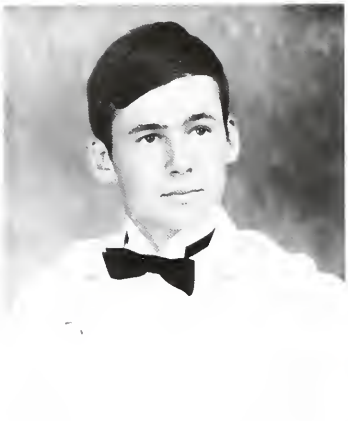
I can't say enough about the girls who have helped me trough this place. Their love and understanding made my cadetship bearable. Tammy, thank you for being so special.

Greg and Kathy, thanks for being there when I needed you. You are the greatest.

The reason I was able to survive the past four years can be found in the love and constant support of my parents. Mom and Dad I finally made it. I love you both very much. My Dream is still alive. "When you give up your dream, you die." . . . from *Flashdance*

DYKES 1981: Terry Murphy
1987: Marshall Hairston

Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Academ. Distinguished 2; Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Pvt 4, 3, 2, 1; Confinement Club 2; AUSA 4; BOMB Staff 3, 2; Ring Figure Mag. Staff 2; USAF Scholarship 2, 1



Clayton Eugene Goss

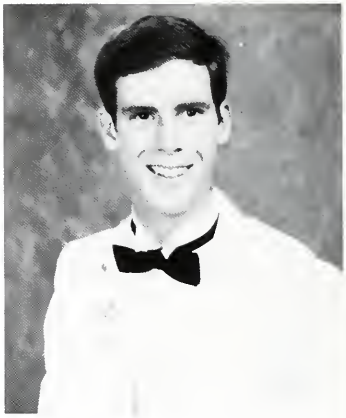
"Mab, Goss-Head, Carl"
Baltimore, Maryland
Civil Engineer — Army

My uncollege experience has definitely been a strange and learning one. The struggle . . . academics, and long distances forced me to set my priorities. Fortunately I have not always been good at this and have had some fun. The short excursions to Sewanee, (Mark, I had more cows), helped me to survive. Thank you Andrea. The rugby trips were my introduction to a VMI I missed in the ratline. (The Bud-Man sure was glad I found it.) These things along with Parent's Weekend were great, but who will ever remember Ring Figure? The bad times don't seem bad now, the good times better, but those wouldn't have been possible without my classmates, parents, and Al. Mom and Dad, thank you for worrying about my grades, paying the bills, and being there. For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

Ecclesiastes

DYKES 1981: Steve Thomas
1987: Kelly Jordon

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Pvt. 1; Rugby 4, 3; EC-GC Secretary 2, 1; Ranger Plt. 2; Cadet Steward 1; Cadet Asst. 3, 2, 1; 319 Knee Club.



William Douglas Gottwald, III

"Festus"
Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineering, Army, Engineers

When I decided to come to VMI, I thought I knew what I was in for. Well . . . to put it simply, I grossly underestimated the life of a VMI cadet. I, along with my brother rats, have suffered, struggled, had good and fun times, excitement and disappointments, which has inevitably drawn us closer together and taught me many valuable lessons which could never be taught in a classroom.

I have made many strong friendships and have met some wonderful and beautiful people during my stay at VMI which has made life more fulfilling and helped me through the VMI Rat-Race. Yet, I could never have made it at all had it not been for the help and loving support of my parents and family. I love them all and want to show my gratitude, but being a Enganear with a limited vocab, I guess a "Thanks" will have to do. I think they'll understand.

DYKES 1981: David Openshaw
1987: Jeff Sadler

Corp. 3, Sgt. 2, Lieut. 1; Softball 4; VMI Escorts 1; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1, Vice-President 1; BOMB Photographer 4, 3, 2, 1; Photo Editor 1984 BOMB

Thomas Bradley Graham

"Tom, Mot"
Marion, Virginia
History — Air Force

When I decided to come to VMI I brought some idealistic expectations with me. What I have found has ranged from the very finest to the abysmal. At this writing I am impatiently waiting to become an alumnus. What I have found here are a few real good friends or "brother rats." After all, isn't this what is most important? Socrates said way back in 400 B.C. "I am one who from my childhood upward have set my heart upon a certain thing. All people have their fancies; some desire horses, and others dogs, some others are fond of gold . . . I have no violent desire of any of these things; but I have a passion for friends; and would have a good friend than the best rooster or goat in the world. I would even go further and say the best horse or dog. Yea . . . I should greatly prefer a real friend to all the gold of Darius, or even to Darius himself; I am such a lover of friends as that."

Mom and Dad and Mimi Patton and John thanks for all your support.

DYKES 1980: Lewis Toms
1987: Jay Pennington

Pvt. 4, 3, 2; Second Lt. 1; Class Historian; Ski Club 3, 2, 1; Honor Court 2; Rugby 3; Football 4; Swim Team 4; Young Democrats.

Carlton Eugene Gregory Jr.

Arlington, Virginia
Spanish — Army, Armor

At this point I really don't know what to think of my cadetship. It certainly hasn't been the most pleasant experiences of my life, but maybe it will seem worthwhile one day. I've really met some fine people and for that I'm very appreciative. I'll never forget these years even though there have been many times when I would like to have forgotten everything about this place. As much as I want to leave VMI I dread the thought of being one of those alumni wearing a "Ronald McDonald" fie. Hopefully I'll look back on these years with fond memories after I've graduated.

DYKES 1981: Edie Semiea
1987: Kenny Walters

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Circle 'K' Club.

Daniel Thomas Grillone

"Jeff"
Waterloo, New York
Physics — Air Force

Four years ago, over 400 boys, fresh out of high school entered limits gates to begin a four year challenge that is offered nowhere but at VMI. Those who couldn't meet the challenge were lost by the wayside while the class pushed on. There have been many disappointments and shattered dreams along the way, but the merits of our stay will surely outweigh those downfalls. Now it is time for all of us to move on and put to use everything we have learned by completing this seemingly endless journey.

I thank my entire family for their loving support and understanding. Thank you Kelly for your patience and understanding in making these last 2 years the best of all. I love you.

And last, but in no way least, I would like to thank Jeff for being by my side from day 1. When the going got tough, you were always there to pull me through; thanks and never forget the "Zorky" buddy.

DYKES 1981: Thomas Albron
1987: Robert Lett

Cpl. 3; Reg. S-4 Sgt. 2; 2nd Batt. S-4 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; CPB 4, 3, 2, 1; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; Ring Design 2; Pervert Corner 3, 2, 1; Zorky 1; New York to Va. Trip 3.

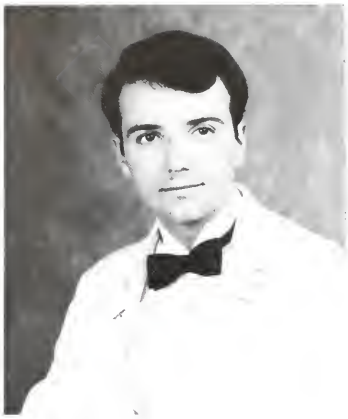
Robert Daniel Grinnell

"Big Dan, Grinn, Grinch, Dad"
Lynchburg, Virginia
History — Army

I came to the "I" with dreams and goals. My time here has seen many reached and many changed. I understand alumni now, here we live an experience not found anywhere else! I can't say I've enjoyed it but I have done it! I have grown over the 4 years from high school boy to VMI man. I'm the one who went through here, but I think my family should receive most credit. I owe them much for always being there from Rat to Graduation. I could always count on them and know they are as relieved as I am that it's over. I also thank the girl special to me from bald rat to cocky First. She was always there when I needed her. VMI tested our love but after 4 years it's stronger than ever! I owe much to them all but for now I'll just say thanks and I love you all! Mom, Dad, Gi-Gi, Jennifer, Eric and Frances.

DYKE 1981: Ed Boylan
1987: Scott Jewell

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Varsity Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Cannon Ball Committee 2; Young Republicans 1; Third Class Party Committee 3; Fran's Fan Club 4, 3, 2, 1.



Roger Lee Hall

"Kitten, Roger Rat, Roger Dodger"
Wise, Virginia
English — Army, Field Artillery

There are very few things in life worthwhile that can truly be expressed in words, and for me VMI fits into that catagory. Here, I have experienced the fear, the uncertainty, the frustrations and sadness, but I also learned discipline, duty, togetherness and most important possession in a man's life — his honor.

The years seemed long, but time was oh so short.

Now as I turn to face the future with all of its uncertainties, I won't be facing them alone, as the Lord has truly blessed my life with a most beautiful lady, Jan, I love you Babe, and I look forward to our future.

Finally, Mom and Dad, I love you both. Without your love and support, I probably would not have made it. The Lord has blessed me with the greatest parents in the world.

R.L.H.

DYKES 1981: Randy Cheek
1987: Leo Lamont

Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2, Pvt. 1; Cadet Battery 2, 1; Tanker Plt. 3; Airborne School 3; Pre-Med Society 4; AUSA 4; Religious Counsel 4.

Harold Douglas Hamner III

"Hot Dog, Zowie, Hal"
Hopewell, Virginia
Civil Engineer — Army

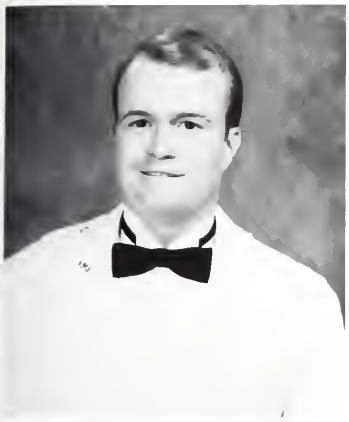
"When the going get weird, the weird turn pro." — Raoul Duke
"When they come to take you down
When they bring that wake-up around
When they come to call on you
And drag your poor body down
Just one thing I ask of you
Just one thing for me
Please forget you knew my name
My darling Sugaree" — Grateful Dead

Mom and Dad the love, encouragement, and support you have given me couldn't have been greater or helped me more. Cindy, you know. Thanks, rooms 134, 126, 122, 112, and 173 in 83, for knowing too.

"Shake it up now, Sugaree
I'll meet you at the jubilee
And if that jubilee don't come
Maybe I'll meet you on the run"
— Grateful Dead

DYKES 1981: E. Fletcher Thompson
1987: Mike Dawson, Tayloe Dameron

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; CRC 4, 3, 2, 1; Rugby 4, 3, 2; Cadet Asst. 2; Shamrock Marathon 2; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; Pervert Corner 2, 1; Conduct Probation 3.



Bryan Scott Hand

"Hand-Job"
Round Hill, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army Corps of Engineers

My cadetship wasn't a particularly unusual or outstanding one. I seemed to get by without causing any undue excitement. If I had to do it all over again I would change a few things. One thing I would not change is my roommates. We were together since rat year putting up with each other through the worst of it. I guess now I should thank Hig and Drof for putting up with me constantly being in their food box. And then there is Herm, maybe someday he will be able to handle me and my wrestling techniques. Unfortunately Hig had to move out of our room first class year but "Dorf" and Hermie and I managed to stick out one more year together. Before I close I must thank my parents. They always gave me the encouragement or congratulations or kick in the rear, which ever was appropriate to make graduation seem more of a reality. To all of my BR's in the class of '84, Good Luck. To my dyke Mark, the next three years will fly by, so make the best of them.

DYKES: 1981: Hal Worrell
1987: Mark Barth

Cpl.; Sgt.; Lt.; Soccer 4; Pep Band 4; ASCE.

Nicholas Elbert Harman

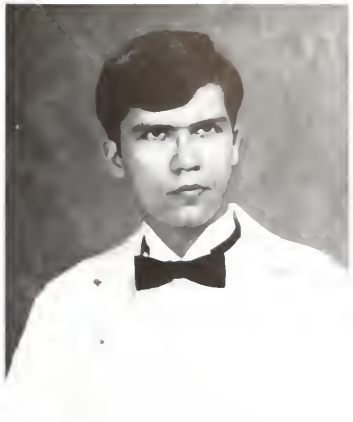
"Dancing Bear, Yoda"
Radford, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Air Force

Nick was definitely a unique cadet. He gave new meaning to the terms 'sweat' and 'social life.' As a rat, he sometimes needed a little help getting up the hill, but he repaid the favor many times over by keeping his roommates from suffering the anguish of confinement. As a matter of fact, Nick never served a day of confinement. The rest of us are still trying to figure out how he did it. He may not have been the greatest C.E. in history of VMI, but he did manage to go four years without even once considering the advantages of econ. Actually, when you looked past the 2000 encores of "British Grenadiers" and meticulously nest desk, Nick wasn't a bad roommate at all. In fact, he was a good friend. TFL

Thanks Mom and Dad for putting up with me through the four years of school. NEH

DYKES 1981: Joesph H. Shrader
1987: Mark F. Fisher

ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Regimental Band 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Assistant 2, 1.



Eric Edward Harmon

"Bocephus, Scooter"
Sterling, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Navy

Bocephus came to the "I" as a laid back country boy looking for the ideal southern education. After finishing rat year, he went to Texas looking for the ideal southern education . . . Sounds like a rational decision . . . what we can't figure out is why the hell you came back. I guess it started to make sense after you became a member of the #1 club. Then it really became clear when you threatened a guy while looking down the muzzle of a .357. Either you're really into S and M, or you've got the same thing that has put VMI men on top of the heap, character. One thing is for sure; you're one hell of a character. Just be careful with that J.D. and watch where you stash that Black Label, OK?!! W.E.B.

Thanks for the understanding and support, Dad, Mom, I love you.

DYKES: 1981: Mike Rattie
1987: Tracy Porter

Scuba Club 1; Parachute Club 1; Glee Club 4; # 1 Club; Cadet Battery.

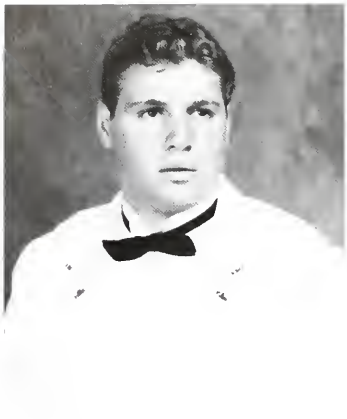
James Allen Harrison, Jr.

"Buff"
Salem, Virginia
Economics — Army, Armor

First and most importantly, I want to thank Mom and Dad, because without you I never would have made it. Your love and understanding was more than could be expected, and you have never let me down. Sue and Rick thanks also; the times have been great and will never be forgotten and somehow made this place worthwhile. Thorton, Eric, Scott, and Kendall; it's been great rooming with you guys. We had a mix of every kind in that room. Cris, Rob, John, Brad take care and good luck. Reid, follow my example and you'll be a model cadet. In conclusion, I'm glad I came here, but I would never do it again. My advice to anyone who wants to come here is simply don't. Mom and Dad thanks again, you have all my love and respect.

DYKES 1981: Jim Migliareese
1987: Reid "Garp" Garst

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Pvt 4, 3, 2, 1; Sir Edmund Hillary Club; Cocke Hall Club; Promajii ClOb 2, 1



Bruce Andrew Hauck

"Big Guy, H.H., The Viking"
Clinton, New Jersey
History — Army

The most significant lesson I have learned at VMI is just how valuable the love generated by one's family and friends can be.

Dad, Aunt Verna, Aunt Dean, Bill and Mom and Uncle George up above, you all are everything to me and will forever have my most sincere gratitude and love.

Doctor Monsour, General and Mrs. Morgan thank you for the ears and doors here in Lexington that were always open.

To the best room in barracks, Jamie, Mark, Alex, and now Frank every day says it all, thanks guys.

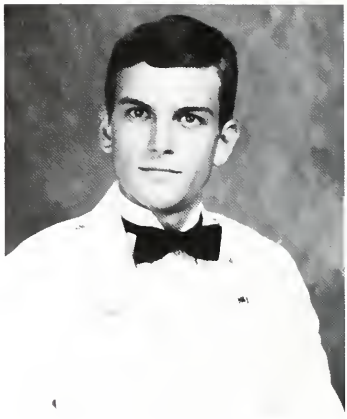
Boni, Cuddels, Sweets, GOs, Reg, Tobby, Chi, Todd, Billy J, Lee, Blake, Tom A, Mike M, Chris's B & C, Buff, Cheese, Hank, and so many others thanks for the smiles and laughs that came even on the darkest days.

And finally thank you Lord for blessing me with the people mentioned above.

Take it easy, *Bruce.*

DYKES 1981: John Bigger
1987: Tony Corbo

Pvt 4, 1; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Writer, VMI CADET 4, 3, 2, Assoc. Ed. 1; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; Civil War Round Table 4, 3, Treas. 3; Tanker Plt. 2; Relig. Council 1; ACS 1



Martin Horst Heisrath

"Marty, Chickenhawk"
Vienna, Virginia
Biology/Chemistry — Army, Armor

Whew! There were two major decisions connected with my four years at VMI. The first was the transfer from a state university, from a situation many here have idealized, into the ratline. The second was to pick up the double major and chose to remain here for a fourth year and graduate with my class. I certainly can't say I regret it. Whether I receive tangible gain from the years here remains to be seen, but in truth it doesn't matter. The Institute has given me much, and I am now an alumnus.

Thanks go to many. My roommates for putting up with me. My parents for the support and financial burden. I won't forget. Bill for making me stay when I decided to leave. Blitz for friendship. But most of all, I bow my head to the Lord for giving me the strength to stand.

Good job, Fish, I'm proud of you.

Best of lOck, '84!

Exurge,domine,et vindica causam tuam.

DYKES 1981: William H. Bird
1987: John L. Fischer

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Football 4, 3, 2, 1; OGA Vice President 1; FCA 3, 2, 1; Cadet Staff

William Rowe Hemingway III

"Bill"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Economics — Army

Billy was one of the few cadets who entered VMI ready to conquer the Rat Line and the challenges the Institute has had to offer. Billy can be characterized as an experimenter. He was always willing to try new things and prove his capabilities in the rank structure and all aspects of cadet life. Attaining the ranks of SGT. and LT. and working for *The Cadet* are but small examples of his hard work and drive to perform well.

The only way that I can remember Billy, is as a close friend. One who guided me to these walls four years ago. Billy is the paragon of the VMI product. Loyal to our Institute, family, and friends. He manifests the VMI virtues nurtured at the Institute and always proven to pay successful dividends in the future. Billy, you've got what the word success takes, and believe me you'll do it. Best of luck — AAP

DYKES 1981: Grover C. Outland
1987: Craig Walker

Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Lacrosse 4; Equestrian Club 2; *VMI Cadet* Advertising Manager 2, Business Manager 1; Publications Board 1; Rat Training Company CO 1.

Todd Allen Henderson

"Stork"
Huntsville, Arkansas
English — Army

When the time comes to you at which you will be forced at last to utter the speech which has lain at the center of your soul for years, which you have, all that time, idiot-like, been saying over and over, you'll not talk about the joy of words. I saw well why the Gods do not speak to us openly, nor let us answer. Till that word can be dug out of us, why should they here the babble that they think we mean? How can they meet us face to face till we have faces?

— C. S. Lewis

DYKES 1981: Mike (Duvz) Duvall
1987: Bret (Slam) Shepard

Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Boxing Team 2, 1; Glee Club 4, 3, 2, (V.P.) 1; VMI Commanders 4, 3, 2, (V.P.) 1; English Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Newman Club 4; Buff & The Spit Shines 3, 2; CBC 2, 1.

Ray Howard Hensel

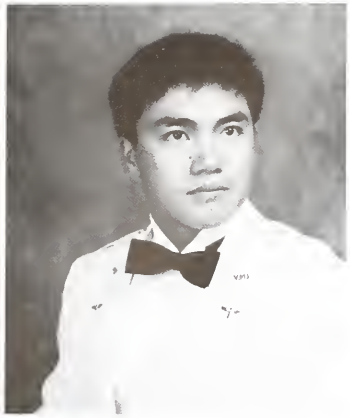
"Razy, Hence, Henchie"
Randallstown, Maryland
Civil Engineering — Army, Engineer

Looking back on it now, being 250 miles from home has strengthened the relationship that exists between me and my family. V.M.I. hasn't only been misery for me, but misery for the people I love the most. I have many mixed emotions about V.M.I., but if I have gained anything from my time here I gained a higher regard for my close friends and family. It is their support that has helped me though. I know that now.

Finally there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Much of this light, in the last year, has been shed thanks to Sherry. I love you very much. Most importantly I want to thank you mom, for your support, compassion and love, for without you I could never have made it.

DYKES 1981: Mike Shupp
1987: Charles Schwarz

Soccer 4; S-5 Staff 3, 2; Institute Escort 1; Cadet Assistant to Sports Information Director 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Southern Sem Exile Club 2.



Yun Heo

"Ho"
Baltimore, Maryland
Civil Engineering — Air Force

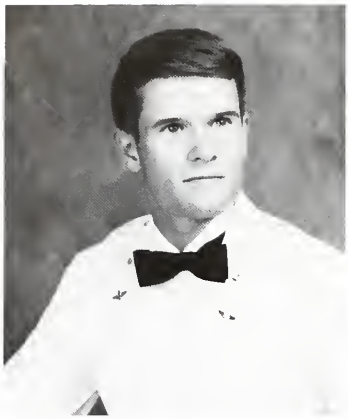
I came to VMI with pride. Before the memorable first day was over, I didn't know who I was and why I came here. Now, it is almost the end of my VMI life. I realize what I went through and I am truly glad.

I went through many tough weeks. But I know I won; I am still here. And it was because of one man. He gave everything to me and lived for me. He is still in my heart with beautiful memories. He is my father. Now those memories are the motivating factor of life. And there is "Moe," the one I roomed with most. He is a pain sometimes, but I love him as a fellow cadet and best friend. There is "Barry and Chris." They put smiles on me, especially when I was down.

Thank you Dad, and thanks Moe, Barry, and Chris. I never would have made it without all of you. I love you and God bless you.

DYKES 1981: Alan Mclachlan
1987: Junho Chi

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3 Busted; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 3, 2, 1; Soccer 4; Boxing 3; Cadet Assistant 1; Charlie Company.

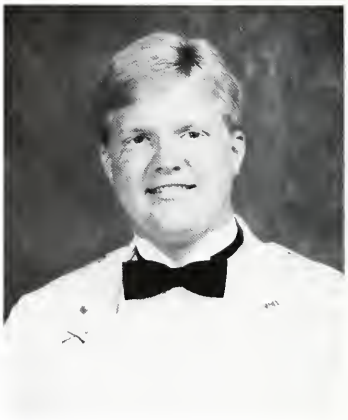


Brian Keith Hermanson

"Hermie"
Churchville, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Air Force

DYKES 1981: Peter M. Tranchik
1984: Vernie Reichling

Corporal 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Golf Team 4, 3.



Thomas Bennett Hesson

"The Keyd, Cheese Daddy, Psuedo Suado"
Lynchburg, Va.
Biology — Special Student

I ventured through Limit's Gates thinking that I knew everything about this place. But I soon found out that I was wrong. The first three years I kept asking myself why I was here. Now I've reached a point where I can answer that question. It's been a tough four years, but when I look back the good times have far outweighed the bad. VMI has brought out things in me that I never knew existed, and for this I am grateful.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who supported me through my four long years at VMI. To Julie, who stood beside me for the three hardest years, but who I lost before the easiest. To Tim, who watched out for me and guided me through the Ratline. And last but not least, I want to thank my parents for all their love and support . . . without you I never would have made it.

T.B.H.

DYKES 1981: Roy Serice
1987: Dean (Bean) Hughes

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Wrestling 4; Circle K 2, 1; Pervert Corner 3, 2, 1; Doc Foster Fan Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Cockdog Band (Basslacs) 1.

Michael Joseph Hicks

"Hooter, Hickey, Face"
Great Falls, Virginia
Economics-Army, Infantry

I can give only thanks and love to all those who helped me through the good and the bad, that has made up so much of these four years. Especially to my family. I love you, thanks for so much love, support and understanding. No brother could expect more or be prouder of his than I am of mine. Thank you Colleen for being a special friend. To all my Brother Rats, my brothern, our friends and companions that have passed through Jackson Arch, I thank you for the unique friendship that can only be felt by VMI men. To Tacs that have helped me and especially to Sergeant Major William Croley, whose tremendous impact upon VMI and the Army is only beginning to be felt, thanks. To my dykes in '81, Dave, Harbie, Bob and Jim, thank you for your guidance. Mike, remember to look up at Jackson Arch each time you go through. I can't help but feel that these four years I have walked among great men. God bless you all.

DYKES 1981: Jim Waller
1987: Mike Moore

Pvt 4; Cpl 3; Pvt 2; Lt. 1; Color Guard 2; Ring Figure Sgt. Major; International Relations Club; AUSA; Rat Training Commander.

Thomas Brent Higginbotham

"Fig, Gee, Higgy"
Fairfax, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Army Corps of Engineers

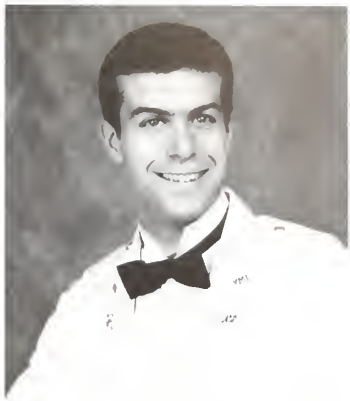
Well, one thing can be said for these last four years — maybe someday I'll figure out what it is. If this place has one saving grace, though, I have found it in the friends I have made throughout it all. I consider myself truly fortunate to be a member of this class, and to have shared in all the good times that have helped me forget most of the bad ones. As much as I have longed for graduation, I will regret having to say goodbye.

Among the names that stand out most, are Scott (his real name), Hermie, Jon, Cuzz, Dead, my new roommates this year, Cap, Deens, Condor, and Roon. The times we've shared through the thrilling victories, and occasional agonizing defeats, are memories to be cherished more so than that elusive sheepskin.

Bob, no matter what happens, you've already earned more than VMI can offer. Thanks; to cousin Sammy for your help, and of course, to my parents and grandparents for your unending love and support.

DYKES 1981: Bob Morris
1987: Joe Coughlin

Rat 4; Pvt., Cpl 3; Pvt 2; First Class Private; Band 4, 3, 2, 1; Bugler 2, 1; Lexington Motor Club 3, 2; I Love Steve Club 1; HBC 1.



Michael Craig Hightower

Metairie, Louisiana
Economics-Marine Corps

Four years ago, Mike and I entered these walls. At first we felt we had entered Hell. God, what a long year that was. All those rifle runs, sweat parties, and straining in the cold. As we became thirds, we found ourselves both corporals. Things were a lot better cause we were the ones doing the yelling. Along comes our second class year and Mike and I are together again as the Rat Roaming team. Finally we reach our first class year, and as fate had it, we were on the same staff. This year was different because we had girls to consider. I've had a lot of great times with Mike, from teasing each other how much in love we are to arguing whether the north is better than the south. Mike and I are very close and he has always listened to me when I've had a problem. I've tried to do the same for him. I know when I leave this place I'm gonna have a part of Mike in me. I wish him all the luck in life and with Linda. J.J.S.

DYKES 1981: Kevin P. Davidson
1987: Louis M. Buonpane

Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Btn Adj. 1; Business Manager 1984 BOMB; Omicron Delta Epsilon 2, 1; Dean's List 2, 3; Academically Distinguished 3; Who's Who 1; Investment Club; Young Economists.

Stephan Anton Hiller

"Killer, Fish, Kool"
Keswick, Virginia
History — Army, Infantry

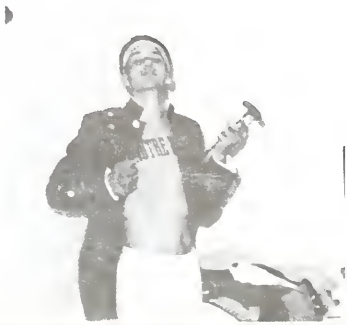
The last four years have been an experience that I will never forget. VMI hasn't been a party, but I never expected it to be this disheartening. Luckily I was able to have friends who were a little off the wall, and whose memories will last forever. Rod, how you survived years of living with me is beyond explanation. Sully, our "O-dark-hundred" talks and Gumm-bear massacres helped ease the tensions. It's a miracle we were never shipped to Staunton. You and Rod have been the greatest roommates anyone could ask for. I'll always remember the 39B club. Just remember, once in a while you have to say "what the !" Most of all I would like to thank my parents, for without their love and understanding, not to mention the phone bills, I would've never made it. I love you. Finally there is Sharon. Thanks for putting up with everything. You're something special.

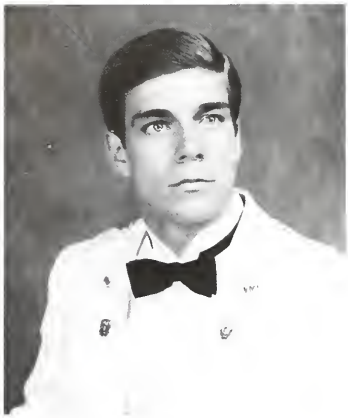
Kilroy

P.S. Barry, beware of unidentified cornerbacks.

DYKES 1981: Steve "Trang" Yancey
1987: Danner Friend

Baseball 4, 3, 2, 1; BOMB Staff 1; Rat Training 4, 1; Corporal 3, 5; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; JMU Road Trip Club 3, 2, 1; E.T. Sponge Club 2, 1; SCSC; Ring Figure Line Dance Instructor 2.





Curtis McKenzie Hinton

"Mole, Captain Destructo, Mugs"
Portsmouth, Virginia
Chemistry — Air Force

I can truly say the last four years have been a continual learning process. Though there is a great deal of knowledge to be gained at VMI, the main lesson I have learned here is how to deal with people and what it means to have truly genuine friends.

I can remember many times when I weighted the pros and cons of VMI versus our civilian counterparts, and it always seemed as though the civilian universities won in every respect except the fact that the friends I had made here wouldn't be there with me.

To Zane, Roland, Chris, John, Scott, and Kevin, I'd like to thank you for always being there and for all the good times.

To Mark, I'd like to thank you for teaching me what it means to be a true friend, confidant and Brother Rat.

To my Mom, Dad, Susan, and Janie, thank you for your unending support and love, without which I am sure I would have never reached this milestone in my life. — Curt

DYKES 1981: Keith R. Baron
1987: Jefferey A. Temple

Cadre Cpl. 3; Cadre Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Edwin B. Jones Chemistry Scholarship; USAF Scholarship; Deans List 4; Rat Training Cadre 3, 2; Ring Construction Comm. 2; Mugs Club 2, 1.

Robert Blake Hippenstiel

"Rufus, Hipp, Duke"
Tampa, Florida
Economics — Army

I can honestly say for the most part I have no real complaints. I want to thank "The Bum" for introducing me to the joys of snow. Be cool Allen, be cool, Denny, thanks for all your caring; I still don't forgive you. I would like to send my special love to my family, for all the support and love. Mom, Dad, what can I say, I finally made it; you're both the greatest. Gus, get an American nose. To Room 107, drink your milk suckbutts. Jim and Wimpy, thanks for all the quiet nights. I hope you'll get married and have everlasting love (with each other). Paul Tate, I'm Billy you're Ollie. John, you're unbelievable. VMI has taught me one important thing I shall value forever, and that's friendship. To all the people I didn't mention, you'll always have a place in my house. Take care.

DYKES 1981: Cris "Beak" Timmons
1987: Dave Mills, Chris Peckham

Virgin Private; Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Sir Edmund Hillary Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Press Box Club Pres. 3, 2, 1; Young Economist 3, 2, 1; Football Co-Captain 1; KAR Klub 1.

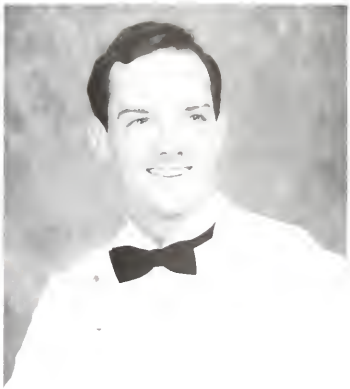
Mark Whitman Hirsch

"Lizard"
Alachua, Florida
Civil Engineering/Air Force

This adventure began on August 20, 1980, when our hero entered the unknown realm of the ratline! Four years before he vowed not to take the challenge of V.M.I., but then insanity set in. The ratline was indeed a challenge with the R.D.C. meetings, rifle runs, and sweat parties. On February 25, 1981 the first V.M.I. hurdle was crossed. The rest of the year involved a rescue attempt of academics with a break for the Room 141 hop party. Third class year came upon our hero, who had ventured to West Point to see a victory over the U.S.M.A. There was one more goal, to obtain "The Ring." The power of the ring, that he obtained, will allow him to complete the adventure at V.M.I. Now that the final conquest, graduation, is within his sights our hero would like to thank his family and friends for their support. Thanks, I love you Mom and Dad.

DYKES 1981: Nick "Cusa" Sysock
1987: John "Spaz" Phillips

Pvt. 4, 3, 2; Sgt. 2; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1.



John Patrick Hirtz

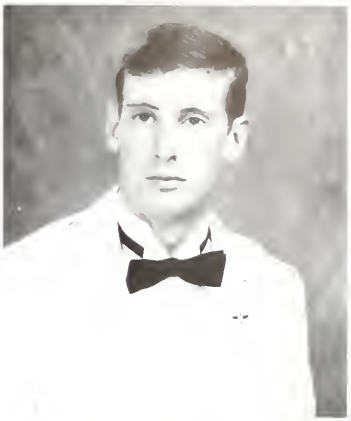
Lynchburg, Virginia
History-Navy

As strange a trip as ever I've known is nearly done. I know not who to thank for my cadetship, nor who to balme. I love my parents, and Leanne, and my God; when I receive my diploma it belongs in part to each of them.

VMI has been instructive. In the world one must learn to use and manipulate, to shape one's morals. These skills have I mastered. One must learn also to cherish life's passing moments of tenderness or enlightenment. This I now do.

For four years VMI's minions bound and restricted me as best they could. Weird, sadistic monsters crawled behind me on the stoops. Brother rat is their name, not mine. In time they all will be crushed like the vermin they are.

VMI, enjoy your short time; like all things basically evil you are surely doomed. My great pleasure is to bid you goodbye.



Christopher David Hively

"Commuter Cadet"
Bridgewater, Virginia
Civil Engineering/Air Force

My life at VMI has been full of many memories, some good and some bad. I'm sure that after departing, like most alumni, the good memories will be remembered and the bad forgotten. I owe special thanks to my mom and dad and the rest of my family who have given me the support and strength that has helped me leave VMI victorious, and to Jennie I thank you for sticking with me through all the VMI hassles. I know that the last few years have been extremely long and hard for you too, but know our stay here is about over and our life together is just beginning. I love you!

DYKES 1981: Kevin Davidson
198?: Mike Andersen

Cross-Country 4; Bomb Photographer 4, 3; Karate Club 4; Ski Club 3, 2; Cpr. 3; Sgt. 2.

Robert Lewis Holmes

"Rupe"
Glen Burnie, Maryland
Economics — Army

If you've got nothing good to say, do not say anything. That's the way I can best summarize my version of the infamous "VMI Experience."

Friendship wise, however, I have only praise and admiration for the fine people I've become close to in these remarkable four years. Beaner, Jungle Boy, Monkey, Tater, Coach White, and Coach Maini; thanks. You've all made this seem worth it. Lindsay, you're the greatest. A special thanks goes to my parents and brothers, without you I could have never kept a sense of humor over all this.

DYKES 1981: Bob Longo
1987: T. K. Farleigh

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 4; Baseball 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat Football; Intramural Football Champions 2; Society of Young Economists 3, 2; Investment Club 2; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1.

Mark Alan Hooker

"Hook"
Charleston, West Virginia
Modern Language — Army

Hooker is, without a doubt, the biggest slob ever to enter the "I". He kept cups of tobacco drool *everywhere* waiting to be spilled often on one of our many specials. We had many good times. We leered at the cheez in the X, and crammed for many a test until we were too punchy to do anything but top each other's rediculousness. We executed many a maniacal binge togehter.

Hook is an excellent individual. He's seen some hard times here, but has kept his sense of humor. He's got it all in one bag, and upon graduation from Y.M.C.A. Night School of Law, will make a pretty decent shopping mall lawyer. DWT '84

I would like to thank my parents for their continual, though seemingly unappreciated, love and support. I'll never forget what you've done. Bill and Dave, good luck and thanks for making V.M.I. tolerable. Thanks!

VMI CADET 3, 2, 1; Layout Ed. 2, Managing Ed. 1; Vice Chairm. College Repub. 1; Debate 1; Cadet Asst., PX 3, 2, 1, Bio Dept. 3; Pre Law Soc. 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 3, 2, 1.

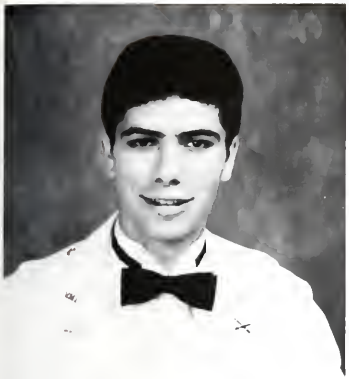
James Edward Hoy, III

"Chip-A, Chip, Hick, Linus"
Harrisonburg, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army

"Persistence." That word seems to summarize the four years I have spent here at VMI. It certainly has taken a lot of self determination on my part, and a great deal of support from my folks and friends, to pull through some of the turbulent times here. In short, you have to be right stubborn to survive the hardships of this place. Enough of my "Belly Achin' " for now, because I will eventually end up laughing about this later — somewhere down the road.

DYKES 1981: John Cawthorne
1987: Mike Armentrout

Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2, S-1 Lt. 1; S-' Staff 4, 3, 2; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Firefighters 4, 3, 2, 1; "Commuter Cadet" 2, 1; RDC 1.



William Stuart Hunt

"Fiddler, Boss"
Poquoson, Virginia
Chemistry — Artillery

The definition of the word "friend" should specifically mention something about Bill Hunt. For the past several years, I've had the privilege of saying that I'm his friend, and I'll never quite be the same because of it. Bill has a way of making even the most adverse situations seem humerous. In the sometimes (actually often) insane environment of VMI, that is just what you need most. That "Bill Hunt smile," the way he bops around the room to country music, the nervous gesturing of his "fiddling," the ability he has to make us all laugh at ourselves, his famous stories; all combined to make the past years damned enjoyable, despite all the work.

GRWjr

Dad, Mom, Jack, and Susan, I can not tell you how much you have helped me through my past 4 years. Though I don't say it often, I love all of you very much.

Bill

DYKES 1981: Jim 'Fish' Frishorn
1987: Matt Sutton

Corporal 3; Cadet Battery 4; Ski Club 4.

Stephen Estes Hupp

"Steve, Huppster, Hupper"
Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army

I came to VMI following in the footsteps of a father and brother. To my brothers in Christ, Mark, Zane, and Jeff, I could not have made it without your prayers and support. God brought us together to fulfill His will, and I am eternally grateful to Him for that. Bill and Jeff, you are the best roommates I could have ever had. Thanks for all the great fellowship Pete, Jamie, Tike, Rat Gray, Karl, and ever-laughing Matt. Thank you to the Seebode's, the Vest's, the Petty's, the Jones', Steve and Renee and to Chaplain and Mrs. Caudill. Thanks to Steve and Mike for being the best dykes. My greatest thanks go first to God, to Mom and Dad, the ones who first brought me to VMI, and Billy and Theresa. I love you all very much and wish I could show it more. Your love and encouragement made it possible for me to come to VMI and make it through here. Thanks for all the advice, guidance, and, most of all, your prayers. Thanks to all my BR's for their friendship; **God Bless You All.** Colos. 3:1-17

DYKES 1981: Tom Savage
1987: Steve Tooker

Rat 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Second Btn. S-5 1; Religious Council 3, 2, Pres. 1; Acad. Dist. 3, 2; Deans List 4; ASCE 4, 3, 2, Sec. 1; FCA 3, 2, 1; BSU 4, 3, 2, 1; State BSU Council VP 2, Pres. 1.

Paul Moser Iaderosa

"Mose"
Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania
History — Army, Infantry

Needless to say the past four years have been unique. The VMI experience has been a long and hard road but in retrospect I have no regrets. During cadre, I expected my cadetship to be a short one. However, because of the encouragement from my family I stuck it out and it has indeed paid off.

Nobody can make it through VMI without friends and I'd like to thank all the people who supported me through the last four years. Carlos, Jim, Andy, and Tom; you are the best friends a man could ask for. I'd also like to thank the Echo rats of '85 for providing comic relief during my third class year and otherwise keeping me sane.

Mom and Dad, if it weren't for you I don't know where I'd be right now. I'm proud to be your son and I hope you realize how much I love you.

"De l'audace, encore de l'audace, toujours de l'audace . . ." Danton

DYKES 1981: John Aulbach
1987: Dave Furness, Brau Johnson

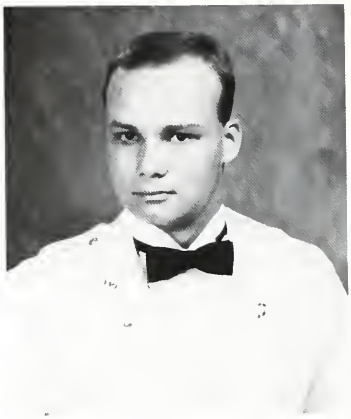
Cpl 3; Batt. Sgt Maj, Sgt 2; 1st Lt. Echo Co. XO; Reg S-3 1; Deans List 4, 3, 2, 1; Who's Who; DMS/DMG; AUSA 4, 3, Sec. 2, President 1; Cadre 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat Train. 4, 3, 1.

William Robert Janis

"Bonzo, Wild Bill, Jay-Anus"
Cicero, Illinois
History/English — Navy

"The ships sail east and the ships sail west by the selfsame winds that blow. It's the set of the sails, and not the gales, that determines whither they go." Thanks Cecil, Mark, Alex, Doghead, Frank, Bruce, and especially Kurt for overlooking some of my less-than-sanitary hygienic practices. I love you . . . Thanks Mr. and Mrs. Paynkewicz for giving birth to the most beautiful, intelligent, charming, friendly, warm and loving girl in the world . . . Thanks Vicki for tolerating my bad jokes, poor taste, lack of judgement and annoying habits to let make my own mistakes, the faith to let me solve them myself, the generosity to solve them when I couldn't, and the compassion not to say "I told you so!" (more than once or twice anyway) . . . Thanks VMI for Toasterhead, the Dark Ages, Crozet Hall, and BOHICA. You taught me that "the road to truth begins at Zollman's" and "knowledge is good." Why not Kurt?

DYKES 1981: "Fish" Sanders
1987: Paul Munson, Robb Susnar



John Joseph Jaworski III

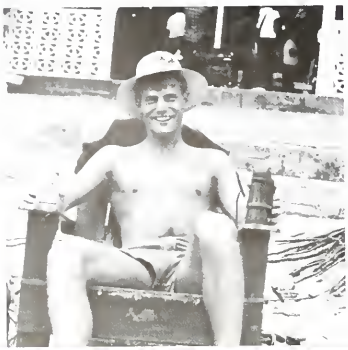
"Jaws, J.J., Jawors"
Commack, New York
History — U.S.M.C.

On the surface John was a model cadet with excellent military bearing; a man who stood high in his major and worked diligently to prepare himself to meet his goal of being a Marine Corps aviator. But I think I will always remember John more as a man who was a good and loyal friend who had a strong sense of responsibility. John, I have no doubt you will be a success . . . good luck and thanks for supplying a little sanity during the rough times along the way.

Looking back on these last four years of my life I can honestly say that my time here at the "mother I" has been well spent. I now leave behind me my many roommates of apathy and desparation, yet I take with me many more memories of good times that helped me keep my sanity for these four years. I will never forget the close friendships that I have made along the way.

DYKES: 1981: Bob "Gator" Underwood
1987: Steve Baird

I knew Bruce Hauck 2, 1; Zoo Crew 3; Thunderbird Lounge 2, 1; Hollins College Day Student 3, 2, 1; Chunk's Litetime Golden Buddy Club 1.



Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Bulldog (Summer '83) Survivors; Dean's List 3, 2; Hist. Dept. Cadet Assistant 1; Rat Training Cadre 1; Marine Det. 2, 1; Marine Scholarship 2, 1.

Zane Russell Johnson

"Drano, Zagnum, Zag"
Springfield, Va.
English — Air Force Pilot

I never would have believed that four short years could mean so much to me. I learned, probably too well, that there are more important things than academics. I also learned friendship and a binding force that only a chosen few will experience. A force so great that it will last forever. A force so powerful it can set you free. My wish and prayer for everyone is to find that freedom and peace that comes with it.

My love and thanks to my Mom, Dad, and Sis. Without their love, and support, and patience, I wouldn't have made it. I would also like to thank Chaplain Caudill for his example and his love for the Lord. For the Fabulous Four: "I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to seperate us from the love of God."

DYKES 1981: Mark J. Kanter
1987: Ronnie A. Robison

Cpl., Sgt., 2nd Lt.; Swim Team 4; Water Polo 3; Religious Council 3, 2, 1; FCA Treasurer; Drug and Alcohol Awareness Comm.; Ring Fig. Const. Comm.; BSU; Ski Club.

Mark Bryan Johnston

"Hollywood, Germ"
Fort Worth, Texas
Civil Engineering — Army, Armor

How can I start? Some of the times I've had at VMI will never be forgotten. The first time home (it's not that cold in the back of this truck, Warren), the Oyster Bowl (the turn-off's around here somewhere), Chattanooga (5 billion — 3 billion cows, Clay) Citadel (did you see that cop Jer?), Va. Tech. (turn the tunes up, Kato), the list could go on forever. The thing I want to do most is to thank Mom, Dad, Tammy and the Northern Virginia Bank. Thanks Mom and Dad for always being there to just listen, and knowing the right thing to say. Tammy, the only thing I can say is: You're the best! Finally thanks to my friends Warren, Holman, Andy, Clay, Bob and Jerry.

"There's more to the picture than meets
the eye . . .
Out of the blue into the black,
You pay for this but they give you that,
Once you're gone you can't come back."
— Neil Young

DYKES 1981: Bryan Quesenburg
1987: Dave "Kato" Smith

Football 4, 3; Rugby 3, 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Graduation 1; 165 Gawking and Talking Club; 4th, 3rd, 2nd Class Parking Lot Member.

Eric Jolly

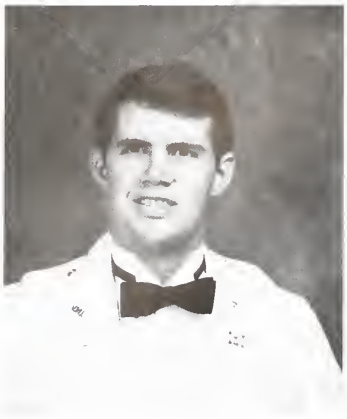
"Ed"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics — Infantry

When I came to VMI I didn't know what to expect. I soon learned what was expected and what I could get away with. I worked on that principle for the rest of my cadetship.

I would like to thank my parents for the support they gave me throughout my years at VMI. I would also like to thank Joanie, without her I would have left the Institute many times. Joanie, you have been the most perfect girlfriend a man could ask for and I appreciate all of the grief and complaining about this "great" system you took without a word. It sure helped. All of you gave me the strength when I needed it most. Thank you.

DYKES 1981:
1987: Bradford D. Keller

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Football 4; Rugby 3, 2; Rugby Captain 1; CK's Buddies; Sir Edmund Hillary Club; Press Box Club; Cocke Hall Club.



Robert Dale Jones

"Jonesy, T.D., Bobby J."
Collinsville, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Air Force

That first day in August 1980 when I drove through limits gates, I had no idea what awaited me. Sometimes I feel that I missed out by coming here but now that the end is near I can say that I am proud to have been a part of this place and it a part of me.

. . . Mom and Dad, what can I say but thank you tor the love and support that you gave throughout the years.

. . . Candle . . . I don't quite know what to say. You have always been here when I needed you most. You put up with me and this place when we were at our worst. You never faultered. Even as you read these words, the day that we both have waited for, for so long grows closer . . . I LOVE YOU!! . . . Hans and Chris, you guys have made these last two years seem like a party . . . Thanks. . . . Oh, Hans make sure to stay away from those Turkish Love Goddesses!!! . . . Tom stick it out, it's worth it! To VMI, I gladly leave!!!

DYKES 1981: Mike Colgan
1987: Thomas (Michilin Man) Hurrell

Football 4; Boxing 4; ASCE Concrete Canoe Team 2, 1; Semi-Baldwin Resident; Deans Other List 4, 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Spring Break 3.

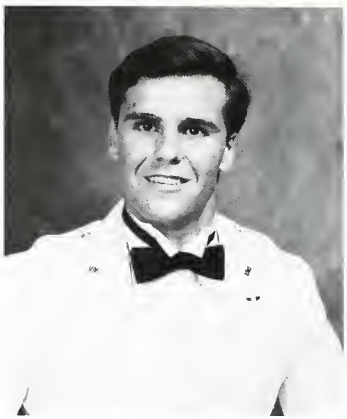
Toby Robertson Jones

"Ghandi, Bullet-head"
Crozet, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Air Force

Fellows as you know I'm one of few words except when I've had a few social drinks. Let me take this chance to wish each and everyone of you the best in life whatever endeavors you undertake. We are all fighters in our own way so fight on. This is a passage I saw that I would like to use for us fighting men." The struggle of life is not won with one glorious moment, but a continual struggle in which you keep your dignity intact and your powers at work, over the long course of a lifetime." My very best to the Buff, Dewy, Darryl, Tom, John, and Marty keep kicking!! Jay-B I wish you the best, and brother Raymond. My family I could not have made without you. God bless you all.

DYKES 1981: Don "Corky" Mitchell
1987: Dave Redman, Keith Washington

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Promaji Club 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1.

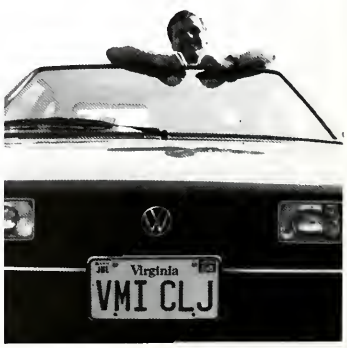


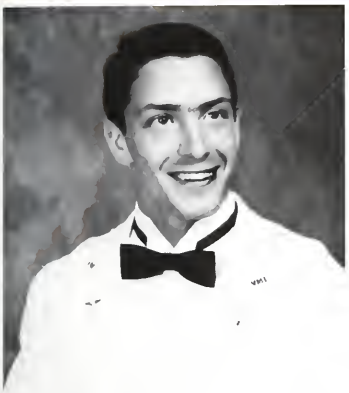
Carter Lee Jordan

"Water-baby, ET, Lee-Harvey"
Martinsville, Virginia
Chemistry — Air Force

It seems like only yesterday that Gene dropped me off at Jackson Arch and said, "See you in a week." Gene, I still don't know how I let you talk me into this. Steve Mang and Jim Dixon, my Rat roommates, you guys both deserve purple hearts for all the times I almost killed you. Third class year was never dull with Bob Jones, the "Night Stalker Sleep Walker," as a roommate. Actually, Bob I never really minded your midnight strolls until "The Dream" came. Steve, Jeff and Dave, Thanks for letting me crash in Rm. 305. Steve, even though you comb your hair too much; Dave, Even though you snore too loud, you guys are the best roommates anyone could ask for. Mary Lynn, thanks for always being there. Mom, Dad, and Jim, I couldn't have made it without your love and support.

Cross-Country; Indoor Track; Cadet Waiters; Dean's List 4, 3, 2; American Chemical Society.





John Eric Karafa

"nhoJ ataraK, Big Apple, Slab Man"
Allentown, pennsylvania
Civil Engineering — Air Force

Well, this is it. This marks the end of my life as a VMI cadet. It's been four long, fun and terrible years, but it was well worth it. Rat year was definitely a rude awakening for me, but my crazed dykes of room 166 were always ready to add a little personality to my rat line. Remember Goshen, Zollomans, Spring Break, and those fantastic summers spent getting academically ahead. The "I" has proven to me that we really do live in a world of give and take, for she has taken away and given me friends which I will remember for the rest of my life. To Kev, Kurt, Chris, Mugs, and Roland . . . I wish you the best of luck and thanks for the many great times that we have had. Most of all I want to thank my parents for their true guidance, support, and unending love.

Dykes 1981: Bob Munno
1987: Timothy Guck

1st Cpl. 3; 1st Sgt. 2; C Co. Commander 1; Private for 4½ hours 1; Rat Training 3; ASCE 1; Scrogg-Monger 1

Michael Jeffrey Kay

"Hebe, Magnum, Bubbah"
Chevy Chase, Maryland
Civil Engineering — Air Force

Throughout his cadetship Mike has shown many outstanding qualities. The most vivid to me is his marksmanship. The three years I lived with him I never saw a luckier guy. Mike always knew when he could leave his rack down and never get caught — I never did. Mike always had the upper hand; from his "HC" locker and 357 to his pile of ducks to trashed desk. He founded the SNATDC with his ever present stash of booze, and contributed to his ammo dump to pyro 349 and the CR bomb! Mike could always talk any tac down, even "room in gross disorder" to "trash on floor." That is why Lee and I always loved our good luck charm Buddah. Mike we loved, and good fortune in all you do, now let's Tracy boogy! B.L.W. '84

I want to thank the entire "Kay Clan" for their love and support over the past four years.

"May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord-caOse His Presence to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. Shalom

DYKES 1981: Jeffrey S. Adler
1987: Peter T. Hansen

pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Jewish Club 4, 3, 2, Pres. 1; CADET Staff 3; BOMB Staff 4, 1; TCFC '84 3, Chairman 2; Reg S-2 1; College Room 3, 2, 1; Tracy Boogey 4, 3, 2, 1

James Duvall Kenkel

"Oberleutenant, Huskie, Jim"
Davidsonville, Maryland
History — United States Marine Corps

Among all the activities, conflicts, and lessons which become part of our life at VMI, there is one thing which stands out above everything else. After putting up with what becomes part of our routine life here at VMI, we learn that when adversity stands in our way, the best we can do is drive on in spite of it with our head held high and not.let it discourage us. I think this spirit to carry on is what makes VMI men so successful.

I want to thank my family for their support. Thanks also to all who have become part of my life here at VMI. Finally, thank you Mark and Rob for putting Op with me the past four years. I could not have made it without any of you.

Dykes 1981: Nicholas G. Sysock
1987: Robert A. Dionisio

Rat; 1st Cpl.; 1st Sgt.; Regt. Sgt.; 1st Captain; Marine Det. 2, 1; Nat. Debutant Cotillion and Thanksgiving Ball Escort 2, 1; Apple Bloss. Fest. 2, 1; Who's Who

Mohammad Khandan-Barani

"Moe"
Tehran, Iran
Electrical Engineering — Air Force

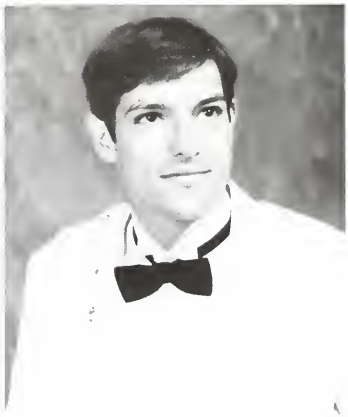
It's very hard to write in a few lines what I went through at VMI and how I feel about it. I loved it and I hated it, but now that it's almost over, I am glad I went through it.

Life at VMI was a unique experience to me. I've changed in every way since I came to VMI, and I believe it was in a better way. It's been a hard four years for me, away from home. But friends have made up for it. My special thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Piper for all your support. Yun, Bill, and Mark made life special at VMI. Hal, I will never forget the crazy things we did together. I am looking forward to more parties.

At the end, Mom, Dad, and Ali thank you for everything, missing you. I hope to see you here very soon.

DYKES 1981: Mohammad Ardaki
1987: Tim Walrod

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; IEEE 2; Cadet Waiters 2, 1; Cadet Assistant 2, 1



Drew Glenn King

Eastford, Connecticut
Civil Engineering — Navy

Passing so quickly. It's all slowly fading. The years at VMI almost gone but all very real. It's been hell, but I believe there never was another school for me.

Thanks to my good friends Steve, Art, Sam, Jeff, John, Ken, Chip, and the rest who helped make this place a little like college. I am going to miss you. Remember: Jim Morrison, 236, PT's, Blow it off!, Spring Break, Das Boot, The Kids are up to their tricks again . . . Never Say Die, Love Conquers All, and all the friends along the way.

Looking for new heavens and a new earth for I love not this world. Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the God and my savior Jesus Christ. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. O death where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory?

DYKES 1987: Gerry (Garcia) Tertychny

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Old Men's Club 2

Robert Edward Knarr, Jr.

"Nubby, Niblet, Chewie"
Dover, Delaware
Biology — Army, Engineers

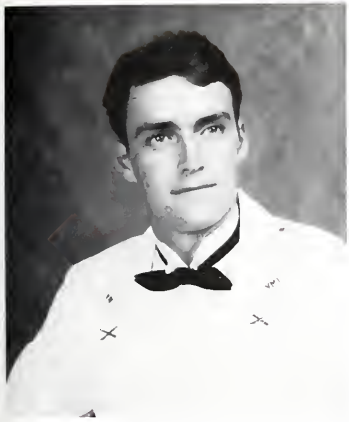
Looking back on my cadetship it really hasn't been that bad. Life was rough and at times even bad enough to make me want to leave. The good times far outweighed the bad though. Even if I had no brother rats I make a lot of friends that made life bearable. These friends I hope never to lose for they mean the world to me. . My most constant companion throughout this time were my books. Many a night we spent together, but they are all used and thrown along the wayside. Weekends are what made this place great though; they were either out of here or spent in bed all Sunday. I don't think that my history would be complete if I didn't thank the people who made it all possible. Thanks Mom and Dad, I love you.

P.S.

(We got the last laugh Kieth)

DYKES 1981: Lee Godsey, Dave Fiedler
1987: Todd Burdette, Stuart Halasz

Wrestling Team; Monogram Club; Pre-Med Society; BSU; Regimental Band; Kieth Samuelson Suntan Club.



Francis R. Kollmansperger

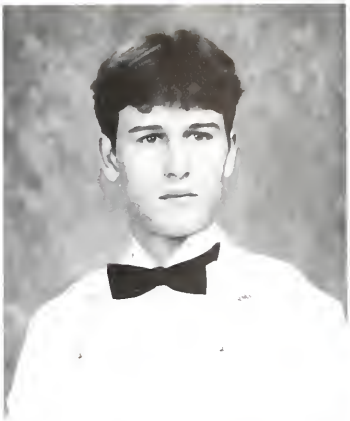
"Frank"
Norfolk, Virginia
English — Army, Field Artillery

As I write this history, graduation seems many months away, but for some reason I don't really look forward to it. The show will be over, and what a show VMI has been. Thinking back on all of the bad times (spending First Class year on Conduct Probation) I can't help but laugh. I now realize that the key to enjoying VMI is never taking anything or anyone, especially yourself, too seriously. I can only wonder how far my seemingly flippant attitude will take me in my life after VMI. I realize that life will never be easier, the responsibilities so trivial and the good times so plentiful.

The friends I have made and the good times I have had, although too few, will never be forgotten. Mark, Jamie, Alex, Bruce, and John — Thanks for making the year so special. Dad I didn't go to "The University," but I think both of us feel that I made the right decision. I already miss VMI — Tommy, I envy you!

DYKES 1981: Jerry Manley
1987: Tommy Mitchell

Cpl 3, Sgt 2; Editor-in-Chief 1984 CADET; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Who's Who; Cadet Assistant; Lacrosse Team 4, 1; Pre Law Society; English Society; Mu Beta.



Mark Gerard Koltura

Ogdensburg, New Jersey
History — Navy

Well it has definitely been different from what I once thought college was. In some ways it has been better and in some ways it hasn't. I want to thank my relatives, especially Mom and Dad for their love and support. Thanks to the "Zoo" for giving me that special atmosphere to live in. And thank you Michele for waiting for me, our big day is almost here. I know you put up with alot because of the rules. To the friends I've made and my classmates I say goodbye and a happy good riddance.

Keep Rockin'
Mark G. Koltura "84"

DYKES 1981: Mark Handy
1987: Kevin Barker

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; TCFC '84 3; Cadet Bowling League 3, 2, 1; Intramurals 4, 3, 2, 1; Engaged 2, 1.

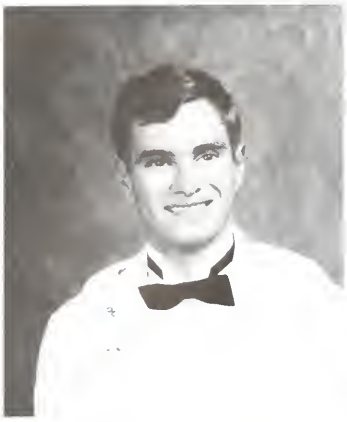
Mark Alan Krajewski

Lynchburg, Virginia
Math — Navy

"Far better it is to dare mighty things. To win glorious triumphs even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows not victory or defeat." — Theodore Roosevelt

I would like to thank my parents and friends who provided encouragement and support throughout my cadetship, for I will always remember all of you.

Congratulations to the Class of 1984, and best of luck in your future endeavors.



Brian Robert Kroll

"Animal, Madman, DEV Skroll"
Port Edwards, Wisconsin
History — Army

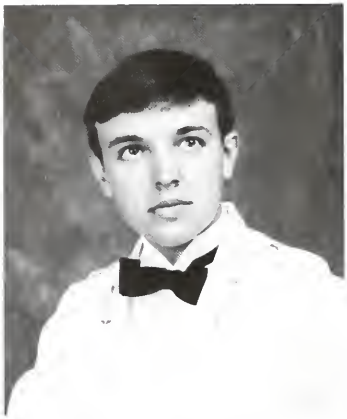
Since the very first time I met Brian, he has been the type of person who can make you forget all your troubles. He seems to find fun in everything. However, he is a man who takes his responsibilities seriously. He has continuously demonstrated his dependibility and dedication to any endeavor he undertakes. His successes in both his school work and on *The VMI Cadet* are testimony to this fact. Truely, Brian represents the qualities of a VMI man. I feel fortunate to have met Brian here at VMI and I look forward to hearing of his successes. WRH

I would like to thank my family, mom, dad, and Cathy, for standing by me and supporting me through the good and the bad times I have endured while at VMI. Also, to all my friends I wish you best of luck in your endeavors and keep in touch. Oh yeh, Hearne I hope you find your hat someday.

BRK

DYKES 1981: Doug Knesal
1987: William Beyer, Somsak Sawangsak

Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; IRC 2, 1; Circulation Manager *VMI Cadet;* VMI Scouter 4, 3, 1; Cadet Asst. 1; The Triad Defamation Society 2, 1; NFT 1; The J.D.M. Memorial Study Room 1.



Robert Edward Lee, III

"Moonpie"
Fairfax, Virginia
Electrical Engineering — Air Force

What is studying at VMI? It's a punishable offense!

Thanks must go to my father for my 3.0 GPA. Marine enlistment was an excellent threat to raise my grades.

Thanks to my roommates, Rick Canipe (Ricky Gene) and Tim Loudermilk, for making the stay bearable with their crazy antics.

DYKES 1981: Bill Leftwich
1987: Mike Cowan

IEEE 2, 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Metal Detecting Club.

Cyril Lepecha

"Cy, Felix"
Falls Church, Virginia
History — Navy

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us . . ." — Charles Dickens

I came to VMI with the expectation of receiving that certain ingredient which would mold me into a successful officer; instead, I came to realize that VMI: ". . . does not furnish a body of settled conclusions immediately applicable to a policy. It is a method rather than a doctrine, an apparatus of the mind, a technique of thinking, which helps its possessor to draw correct conclusions."

John Maynard Keyenes

Thanks MOM and DAD for everything, those foodboxes made life at the "I" seem a little easier.

DYKES 1981: Jorg Ronke
1987: Radoslaw J. Szczepanski

Soccer 4; Glee Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Equestrian Club 4, 3; Cadet Battery 3; Scouters Club 3; Navy Pistol Team 2, 1; Naviators 2, 1; Karate Club 2, 1; Militaria Society 1; Cadet Asst. 3, 1.

Thomas F. Lessig

"Likeable"
Racienda Heights, CA
Economics — Marine Corps

When Tom arrived he was scared of the unknown, but soon proved he could do whatever he wanted to do, especially when he put his mind to it. He realized after one year that he was not cut out to be a Civil Engineer and switched to Economics, at which he excelled. He started third class year as a corporal but was soon to discover what it meant to be a private. There he remained for three years content with his stars and J. R. He proved to be a good roommate and friend. His only major flaw was that he is a Marine, but it was forgiveable. Tom had that certain kind of craziness, that people think of being Californian, but Tom was much more than that, he was agreeable and fit into almost every group without much effort. His first favorite pastime J. R., was cartoons, especially "Bugs Bunny" of which he can be considered a a connoisseur. Tom has proved a good roommate and true friend. Thanks Tom for being like you are. NEH

DYKES 1981: Danny Dorsey
1987: Derrick Johnson

Glee Club 4, 3, 2; Cadet Battery 3, 2; Cpl. 3; Marine Detachment 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat Training 1; Bug's Bunny Fan Club; Dean's List 3, 2, 1.

Jeffrey Franc Levenson

"Lev, Leviconda, Doormat"
Petersburg, Virginia
Economics/Modern Lang. — Army, Engineers

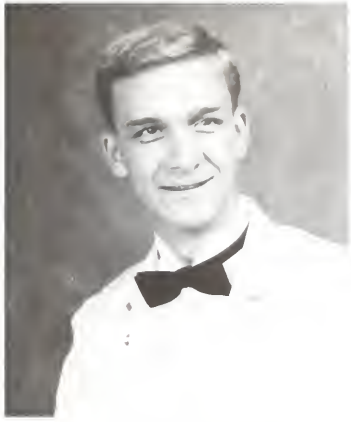
The 4 years at VMI have gone by just as fast as they said it would. It's hard to believe that in a few short months my cadetship will come to an end. Gary, thanks for trying to talk me out of it, but I guess I just had to experience it for myself, and what an experience it was.

Truely the greatest thing about this place is the friends you make here. Perk, Cub, Hank, and Rob (Chopper and Rocco, too) thanks for letting me be your surrogate roommate for the past 3 years. You guys have given me more laughs as well as more grief than anyone could ask for. To my roommates Dave, Carter, and Steve, through all the turmoil in the room we've still had many great times these past 3 years. You guys are the greatest and I still owe ya'll for not killing me because of my loud sleeping habits.

Finally, to my family: Mom, Dad, Gary, Deb, Mindy, Trudy, Bub and Grandma, I love you all more than anything.

DYKES 1981: Jeff Davies
1987: Ted "My Boy Elroy" Anders

Cpl. 3; Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Young Economists Investment Club 2; Ring Const. Comm. 2; Ring Fig. Mag. (Bus. Mgr.) 2; Baseball; Dean's List; A-Team 2, 1; Kar Klub 1.



Ronald Francis Lewonski

"Ronski"
Winooski, Vermont
Mechanical Engineering — Navy

I wish to thank my mother and father for their encouragement and love in my times of stress here at the "I." May God bless Memére for all her worrying. Special thanks go to Czar of Virginia, Earthpig, Ghandi, the Finster Matt the Mad Irishman, Bob my Redneck friend and all other significant and insignificant "BR" acquaintances, for their help and success in making the Virginia Military Institute an ALMOST bearable Citadel of Higher Education. The most sincere thanks to you all and may God protect you all from all Polish bridges!

The words are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.
Robert Frost

DYKES 1981: Jim Carmichael
1987: Tom Politano

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Gold Card Member of Room 152 Bar & Grill; Member of the All-Pro Club; Ex-motivated Marine-Type; Ex-Part Time C.E. Major.

John Douglas Lindsey

"Commander, Dr. Doug, The Linz"
Alexandria, Virginia
Electrical Engineering — Navy

The first class history is hard to compose. The spectra of emotions emerging are taxing, yet offers the first tangible evidence of ending my story at the Mother "I." The class has been the best part of staying here. Close friendships have formed over the four years. I only hope we can stay in touch with each other. My stay here has definitely been an experience I won't forget. My roommates have only been a plus. Bart and Dave add that certain "unique" element to the room and Tom tries to keep us sane. Room 158 was fun I hope our friendships will continue. GO NAVY! "Each of us has in our veins the exact same percentage of salt, and when we return to the sea, whether to sail or just view it, we return whence we came" John F. Keenedy

DYKES 1981: Frank Reese
1987: Steve Owens

President, VMI Dive Club; Scouters Club; Glee Club; Rat Training Cadre; *BOMB* Photographer; Cpl., Pvt.; Photography Editor; 1984 Ring Figure Magazine

Barry Scott Lipscomb

"Scooter"
Richmond, Virginia
History — Air Force

Well, its hard to believe, but my four years at the "I" are almost through. I can't say its been fun, but its been interesting. My dyke taught me to tolerate the military and stay civilian at heart. Jonathan Edwards wrote "There is nothing that keeps wicked men out of Hell, but the mere pleasure of God." Well, Rat year I was sure I'd gotten on His bad side. But all that's over now and I've got my own Rat. Its gone with full cycle and no one could be happier than I. Those who couldn't see fit to live and let live could have made life miserable, motivated I'm not. But I endured and ignored them long enough to come through unscathed. (Besides becoming socially retarded.) My roomies (Alan, Blake, Eric, Thornton, Kendall) deserve the Good Conduct Medal for putting up with me.

Mom and Dad, thanks for giving me your love and support. I could never have stayed in this hole for four years without you. I love you. — *Scooter*

DYKES 1981: John Reed
1987: Robbie Sweany

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Track 4; Rat 4; Sir Edmund Hillary Club 4, 3; Press Box Bash 3, 2, 1; Lombel's Dumbells 3, 2; Summer School 4, 3, 2.

Daniel Robert Liston

"Danny"
Masontown, Pennsylvania
Civil Engineering — Army Corps of Engineers

Why did I come to V.M.I.? I've asked myself that question many times. I learned many things in that first year but the most important was how to enjoy "COLLEGE" life in spite of the system. V.M.I. is said to be a three legged stool. I felt a fourth was necessary: "SOCIAL LIFE." With my roommate Robert, I set out to strengthen this fourth leg of the stool. We did our best and even though some of our late night unauthorized festivities ended in confinement, these will be the times I remember when I think of V.M.I. One good thing about V.M.I. is that the education I have received is a good one. Most of all I would like to thank my family for getting me through these four years. Thanks mom and dad for the help when things got tough. I'M GLAD IT'S FINALLY OVER!!! ** Rest of history omitted so Bomb Staff could make this a better section of the yearbook!!

DYKES 1981: Mark S. Vasco
1987: Brooks "Boom Boom" Gruber

Football 4, 3; Band 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE (Student Chapter) 3, 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Summer School 3, 2; Deans Other List 4, 3, 2, 1.

Stephan Dusan Ljubenko

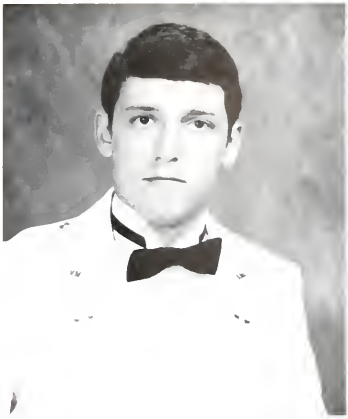
"Benky, The Slav, Lubchenko"
LaGrange Park, Illinois
History-Army

Steve is a unique member of our class. Intelligent and truly motivated to be an officer in the U.S. Army. He is also one of the most witty, clever members of our class. His sense of humor, made the place a bit brighter for those around him and helped him endure things such as Advanced Camp 83, Makeovers 83, and roommates such as Schuhart and myself. Whether he was imitating the Beatles, destroying Rats as a cadre sergeant, rubbing Flores's back, driving tanks, Steve always did well. I'm not sure if he will be General of the Army or head-writer for Steve Martin, but I am sure he'll keep his disgustingly good attitude. J.M.D. 84.

To Walt, Cyril and John, thank you for putting up with me for what probably seemed like eternity. You guys made life at the Institute much more interesting and bearable for this Midwestern boy. Hang tough '84 We've just begun to fight. See you all in Moody Hall. S.D.L. '84.

DYKES 1981: Christopher A. Munger
1987: John R. Ferguson

Rat 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Pvt. 1; Dean's List; Glee Club 4, 3, 2, 1; AUSA 4, 3, 2, V.P. 1; EOYO 4, 3, 2, 1; Tanker Plt. 3, 2, 1; S-5 P.R. Staff 4, 3, 2; IRC 2, 1; Circle K Club 2.



Michael Howell Locher

"Ears, Little Ears, Lobes"
Lynchburg, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Special Student

"In a land that's known as freedom, how can such a thing be fair." Graham Nash

Two years to make me come to this place and who knows how many it will take to get me out. Sometimes you do things in life just to prove to others that you could do it. Spruill, Tex, Chuck, Bob, Tom, and a few select others make it possible to remember V.M.I. I have never liked my stay here at the "I" and I am proud to say that I made those OC's work for their money. Thanks for giving me a better understanding of what freedom and space can mean to an individual. I WILL SURPRISE YOU V.M.I.

Mom, you made it a lot easier for a whole bunch of hungry and lonely friends. Thanks for the encouragement John and Susan. Lil, you and Gladys have filled my life with a lot of memories. And Dad, you have always been a success so I know I will be a success with or without the V.M.I. degree.

DYKES 1981: Wyner "Butch" Manning
1987: Todd Williamson, Tony Brads

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's Other List; Lacrosse 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Mallory Hall Victim 4, 3, 2, 1; SCSC 2; Monogram ClOb 1; I Partied With CRP III and Survived Club 4, 3, 2 . . . To Be Con't.

Bach Pham Long

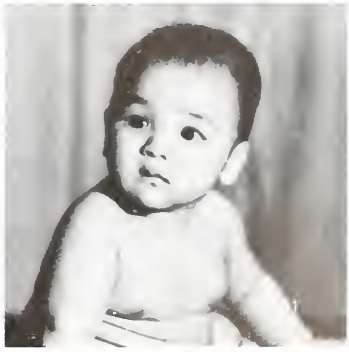
"B.P., John, Dave"
Warrenton, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Navy

Although at times it has felt like I've been here a million lifetimes; the short 4 years has come and gone and the end of my VMI experience has arrived. And now that the end is near, it's funny how only the memories of all the good times remain while the bad times really never existed.

To all my friends, all I can say is thank you for your friendship and I shall never forget you. But most of all, thank you Mom and Dad, for always being there when I needed you most, and for giving me all your love and support. It seems like whenever I needed someone, you two were always there and always cared. The love I have for you just cannot be expressed in mere words, and the debt I owe you can never be repaid — I love you!

DYKES 1981: Rodney A. DeCorte
1987: Chinawat "The Kid" Noiwan

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; ASCE Student Chapter; Tanker Platoon; Karate Club 4; Navy Scholarship 4, 3, 2, 1; PX Cowboy 4, 3, 2, 1; President of the VMI Lonely Hearts Club 4, 3, 2, 1.



John Michael Long

"Sweet, Shlong"
Highland Heights, Ohio
History — Army, Armor

We all come to VMI not knowing what to expect, not knowing just what the VMI experience will mean to them. Only one thing is certain, that is, it will mean something different to each person. Except for the loyalty built of stone that can never be torn down in the span of a lifetime.

To me it has meant the establishment of friendships that shall never end, with Anthony, Paul, Tom, Jech and countless others. It has also meant seeing and doing things that I'll never forget. For one could not ask much more of a college than a great education, close friends and a wonderful girlfriend. If it were not for all these, my last four years would have been a waste of time.

It's a wonder that a school like VMI can exist in this day and age, but I'm sure that a select few are glad that it does.

DYKES 1981: John Budde
1987: Rob Goodwin

Varsity Football 3, 2, 1; Varsity Track 4; Varsity Wrestling 3, 2, 1.

Timothy Allen Longanacre

"Mad Hiccupper"
Fort Spring, West Virginia
English — Army

Tim will probably go down in the annals of VMI history as the only rat to matriculate in a 3-piece suit. It didn't take the wild West Virginian long to become as crazy as everyone else. From the weekend trips to La Cellier to the midnight trips to Baldwin, Tim was constantly on the verge of being caught by Tac's, along with me. As William Shakespeare once wrote, "He was a man, take him for all in all, I shall not look upon his like again." Happy hunting Tim! GKM

Thanks for letting us know about it, buddy!
HBS, RGM

It is the final year and it has been fun. R.G., G.K., Henry, as Henry Adams said "One friend in a lifetime is much; two are many; three are hardly possible. "Thank you for everything Mom and Dad. Vicky, now its our turn. I love you.
T.A.L.

DYKES 1981: Chris Munger
1987: David Cochran

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Band Co. Guideon Bearer; Fencing Team 3, 2, 1; Treasurer Fencing Team 1; Club "La Cllier" 3; AUSA 4, 3, 2, 1; West Virginia Club.

Timothy R. Loudermilk

"Tim, Sourmilk, Chowdermilk"
Tabb, Virginia
History — Navy

It's been an interesting 3 years, 1 month and 10 days, some of it has been fun; a lot hasn't. To my family I want to say thanks for all the support you've given me, I love you all very much. To my roommates, Brother Rats, and friends (in the corps and out), the fun times have been with you. Thanks for letting me know you all and for helping me learn and grow, Robert especially. Kim, thank you for putting up with both me and the rules. Finally, thank you God for all of this.

Underclassmen, and you Rats, the Dykes of '84, make the Alumni proud of you and be proud of yourselves. Learn from it, but enjoy it too. Good luck.

DYKES 1981: Richard Wiggs
1987: Bill Zins

Baptist Student Union; Cadet Battery; Glee Club; Confinement; Penalty Tours; Summer School.

Samuel Austin Lowman, Jr.

"Slowman, Sammy"
Roanoke, Virginia
English — Army

I've been an avid reader of first class histories for three years now. Frankly, I've thought many of them to be idealistic. Recently, because of an experience that happened to me, I've had to change my mind. I really never thought it would happen, but now it's my turn to tell the story.

I thought I knew what I was doing when I picked up the gauntlet that VMI had thrown down. However, the screaming, sweating, and stenching fatigues changed my mind. For the first year, VMI was a nightmare comes true. I'm not sure even now how I made it through — except that the support of my family and friends was a constant source of relief. Third class year was uneventful. Second class year and Ring Figure were — lets say — different. Second class year was a watershed year. This year I came back on the big "C", and needing amnesty, or good behavior! I did get off the confinement thanks to my roommates, family, and a special person. Thanks Cutie! Thanks everybody, especially Mom, Dad, Mark, Margaret, and 'Mates.

DYKES 1981: Dean Beard
1987: Richard Driggs LeMay

Football 4, 3; Rugby 2; English Society 3, Sec. 2, Pres. 1; Ausnarrarvic Band (Founder) 4, 3, 2, 1.

Steven Forrest Mang

"Grump, Wang, Mango"
Front Royal, Virginia
Electrical Engineering — Air Force

Four years of VMI into 150 words?! Impossible, but here goes: BOHICA! Joking around before sweat parties; Getting screwed for same; Carter's blanket; Jim's singing and cadence counting; Decorating the room for Christmas; RQ Christmas carols; Exams; Leaving for Christmas; Returning after Christmas; Barcardi 151; Dads . . . "And Study!!" Jim's attempted singing, again; Resurrection; Breakout; Corps Trips; Road trips; Receiving our rings; RING FIGURE; Week after Ring Figure; Rooming with Jim for 3 ½ years; First class year; Dyke's silly rat questions; Dan screwing rats; Dan's good mood; . . . This could go on forever. Anyway I'd like to thank my parents whose encouragement kept me going when I was down. I don't know how I can ever repay you. I love you both. Jim, thanks for being a great roomie and for putting up with me all this time. Finally, and most importantly, Wanda, whose love made VMI bearable, I love you!!

DYKES 1981: Jeffrey Stuart Hamilton
1987: Colin B. Elster

Cadet Private, A Co. Guidon Bearer 2, 1; IEEE 1.

Keith Warren Mangum

"Mango, P.I., Octavius"
Newport News, Virginia
Economics — Army

Four years ago I would have thought writing my class history would be relatively easy. After a rough cadetship, with many pitfalls I can not believe I've made it this far. The experiences I've had during this time, both good and bad, have played as big a part in the V.M.I. education as have the academics. My mistakes have taught me more about myself and set me on the right course and, along with the good times, they have me closer to the best friends one can have. Bert, Bill, and Bobby . . . Thanks for making V.M.I. tolerable.

Mom and Dad . . . I thank you for your confidence and support and for believing in me enough to give me a second chance. Kevin and Kath, you two have given me the motivation to drive forward. To the rest of the folks in Newport News, thank you for everything. I love you all. K.W.M.

DYKES 1980: Paul Lawrence Perry III
1987: Greg A. Scott

Pvt. 4, 1; Cpl. 3; Civilian 2; Rugby 4, 3; AUSA 4, 3; Scooby Doo Crew 3, 2, 1 . . .; Radford Road-Trip Society 1; Bat Cave 1; Lauderdale Lunchers 1; 5-Year Plan.

Peter Frank Marsenison

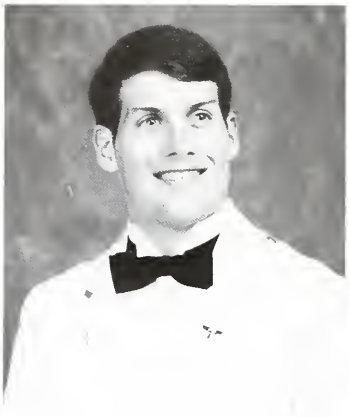
"Petey, Spanish Fly, Sucky"
Oakland, New Jersey
Civil Engineering — Marine Corps

I only have one word to say — why? But then after thinking about it — What the F...! It was there and I did it.

I give my very deepest love and thanks to my family, without which I would never have made it. I love you Mom, Dad, Paul, and Matthew. I only hope I have turned out to be what you expected, and I hope I have made you proud. I send my special thanks to those people here at VMI who have helped me through my years here. To my closest friend, Sully, what have we done. May we spend many more fun filled times together. Take care I'll call you when I get my Mercernary unit together. To my roommates — thanks for everything — Good luck in the future. You've made my times here more than worthwhile.

DYKES 1981: Dean Foster
1987: Andy Zolper

Pvt. 4, 2, 1, Cpl. 3; RDC 1st Secretary; Boxing 2, 1; Rat Training 3; SCSC; Mango Duck 3, 2, 1.



Matthew Robert Martin

"The Mick, Chief, Psycho"
Buffalo, New York
Civil Engineering — Air Force

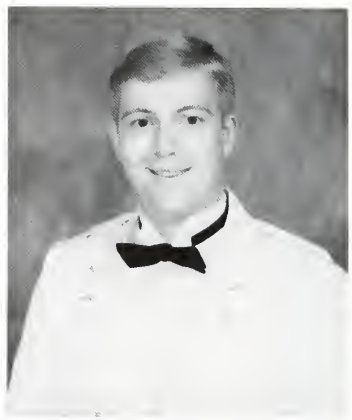
These past four years have been tough for me. The days of deep depression and a smile on the outside have been too many. Without my roommates and friends it would have been a lot worse. I hope that you respect me half as much as I do you. Dad, Mom, Kim, Lynn, Jeannette, and Bryan without your support, love, and friendship I could have never made it. When the cheers end and every one is gone the family is always there.

Cindy, you are the most special to me. Without your love I would have been two-dimensional. You've opened my eyes to the outside. Cindy, I love you.

In the clearing stands a boxer,
And a fighter by his trade,
And he carries the reminders
Of every glove that laid him out,
And cut him 'til he cried out
In his anger and his shame.
I am leaving, I am leaving
— But the fighter still remains. S and G

DYKES 1981: Hank Lee
1987: Matt Rowe, Kurt Hauck

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Football 4, 3; Wrestling 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1; RDC Secretary 1; Charlie Co. Rat XO 1; Nomad Summer 3, 2.



Gary Kenneth Maynard, II

"G.K., Rowdy, P.W. # 3"
Roanoke, Virginia
History — Air Force

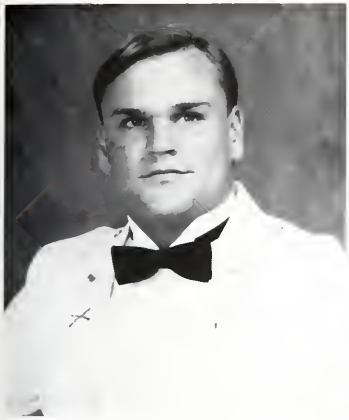
G.K. came into "Club 24" with his colorful rat year behind him; "It's allright, Artie, I've got a cup." We found "The Cellar," and Gary found his true love. Ring Figure brought the sight of his "totally awesome" date, but 2nd semester he found a new interest; "I'll never end up like you guys." 1st Class year brought the Baldwin Road trips. You were right, 40 minutes exactly. (TAL)

After a "Rowdy" time dyking with him rat year, G.K. moved into the club and we soon learned what he meant to call a room his own! Returning 1st Class year found G.K. to be a man of great planning and preparation — after all, one never knows when he may need "several hundred" to buy something special. I taught you well!! (RGM)

I would like to thank everyone who helped me make it through this "lovely" school. You know who you are and I love you All!! Maybe someday, I can do as much for you as you have done for me. (GKM)

DYKES: 1981: Jim Holloway, Jr.
1987: Craig Covert, Greg "Buckwheat" Otey

"Virgin Pvt." 4, 3, 2, 1; Rock Committee 2; "Golden" Guard Team 3; Club Le Cellier 3.



John Fenner Mays

"Sweet, Sweet John, Casper"
Lynchburg, Virginia
English — Army

Although I would have never admitted it, I probably always knew that I would end up at VMI, especially since my father is an alumnus, and UVA wouldn't accept me. VMI certainly hasn't fit my lifestyle (nor have I fit VMI's) but somehow we were all determined to stay. I will never forget the "incredible" night of the Back Doors followed by the Reddy Teds, the Thursday night roll to UVA, Fort Lauderdale '83, fuzzy dot. Thank you Spruill, Chuck, Thornton, D.K., George and Willie for making my 4 years here almost tolerable. And thank you W&L, and especially SAE, for helping me to retain my sanity. To VMI, thank you for the opportunity at a first rate education; however, I don't agree with the way you operate, and someday you're going to have to start giving instead of constantly taking away. Finally, thank you Mom and Dad for putting up with more in me than any parents should ever have to. I love you both.

DYKES 1981: Jeff "Wilver" White
1987: Matt "Young" Morgan

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; English Society 3, 2, 1; VMI CADET 2, 1; Tennis Team 4, 3, 2, 1; Pres. Sir Edmund Hillary Club; SAE 3, 2, 1; Captain of the "Squallers" 1.

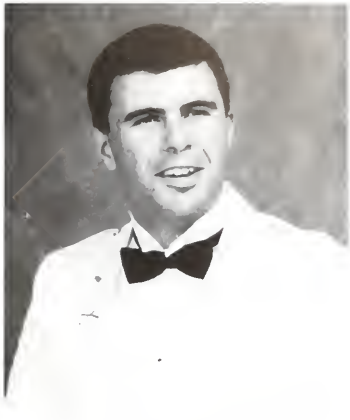
Joseph Francis McCormick Jr.

"Rosey"
Pawling, New York
Electrical Engineering — Army

V.M.I. for me has been such an incredible experience. I don't believe that in this space I could do it justice; the lessons learned and the genuine friends I have made are too many. I would simply like to thank those who befriended me and made the hard times bearable, I can truthfully say that I will never forget them.

DYKES 1981: Carl Wu
1987: Charles Erb

Cadet Captain 1; Regt. Sgt. Major 2; 1st Sgt. 2; Cpl. 3; Pvt. 4; IEEE; CPB; Institute Escort; Hop and Floor; Eta Kappa Nu; Ranger; Airborne; A.A.; Academically Distinguished.



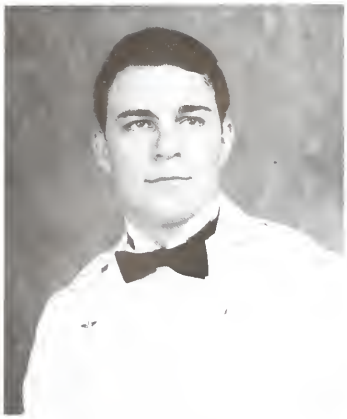
Barry Alan McFadden

"The Chaw, Rocky"
Lebanon, Virginia
Chemistry — Army, Infantry

I'm tired.
The journey has been long.
I'm weak.
The journey has been hard.
BUT . . .
I give thanks.
The walk was not alone.
I stand tall.
I finished the journey!!

DYKES 1981: Gary Collins
1987: Steve Robinson

BSU 4, 3, 2, 1; BSU Council 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat Training 1; Boxing 3, 1; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; ACS 3; Scouters Club 3; Buzzy's Chewing Club 2.



Ronald Grant McManus, Jr.

"McP., R.G., P.W. #1"
Lexington, Virginia
B.S. Biology-Air Force

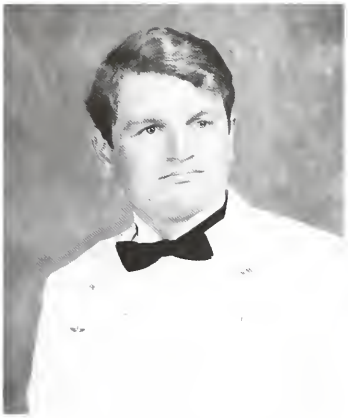
Well R.G., It looks like you're going to make it to pilot's school just like you've been telling us all along. Morning, noon, and night we've heard you sing the praises of air power, well when you're cruising along feeling safe and powerful remember the motto of the ADA; "If it flies it dies" Happy Landings?!

R.G. always was the Psychotic type, but his Christmas adventure during Rat year was probably his most memorable experience of all. Hey R.G., do you still throw snowballs? You've got to learn to mellow out and stop being so crazy. If we get to fly together we'll change the course of modern air warfare. Try not to change too much! — GKM

Thanks Mom, Dad, and Kim for your love and support. Gary, Tim, and Henry thanks for all your help. Good Luck guys! Karen you made everything special. I love you!

DYKES 1981: Frank "Rhino" Reece
1987: "H." Byrne, Matt Dick

Cadre Cpl. 3; Band Co. 1st Sgt. 2; Cadet Captain, Band Co. Commander 1; Pep Band 4.



Gregory Todd McQuillan

"Fred, Lude"
Hartsfield, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Air Force

When I came here I had no idea what to expect; but believe me I found out real fast. I thought that if I kept a low profile no one would hassle me and not too many people did. Throughout my years at VMI I have seen a lot of good times and of course a lot of bad times. I will always cherish my good ones and forget about my bad ones. I have also made a lot of good friends while I have been here and I hope we all stay as close as if we were still at the Institute. Altogether I have learned a lot while at the Institute and this knowledge will stay with me forever.

I would like to thank the Foresman's for having a home away from home for me. Mr. Knight for his support; my grandparents for their loving and of course their care packages and I would like to thank Michele and Estelle for having a place to go to get away from it all. I would especially like to thank my mom and dad for their support and understanding, because without it I don't think I would have made it.

DYKES 1981: Doug Dillard
1987: Ricky Whitty

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Rifle Team 4; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's Other List 3, 2, 1.

Alan Wayne Meade

"Big Al, Turn Me on Al"
Norfolk, Virginia
Electrical Engineering-Navy

I would like to thank my roommates in helping me through VMI, Ed, Dan, and Jeff. I would like to thank my parents and grandparents for the financial and moral support. And most of all I would like to thank God who made it all possible. God bless the Corps of Keydets and everything it believes in and God bless my friends who did not make it. (And as you can see, I are an Inganeer; not a writer.)

DYKES 1981: Bill McDonald
1987: Steve Glenn, *Scott Berger*

Softball Team; Pep Band; CIC.

Michael Jay Melton

"Opie, Mel-Tun, Atro-Knee"
Fredericksburg, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army, Engineers

Well, what is there to say about VMI except that I feel like I have been here my whole life. Who would have thought that 4 years could last so long. Within the first hour of matriculation 4 years ago I knew that I would never make it, but somehow I did. VMI gave me the opportunity to find out what I could do with a little effort and also showed my many shortcomings. All I can say is it's been one hell of an experience. Thanks to everyone at home for your support. Also thanks goes to Tusk, John, Dog-head, Houch, Chris, and Barry for putting up with me. Good luck guys! John and Alex save me a seat! Later on!

DYKES 1987: Pete Stone
Elliott Montes

Honor Court 2, 1; Cpl. 3, Color Sgt. 2, A Co. Cmmdr. 1, DMS/DMG; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Ring Const.-Social Favors 2; Cdt. Asst. 1; Abn. School 2; Army ROTC Scholarship 4, 3, 2, 1

Timothy Scott Melvin

"Mel, Mellow, P.B."
Atlanta, Georgia
History — Army, Armor

". . . las esperanzas cortesanas
Prisiones son do el . ambicioso muere
Y donde al mas astuto nacer canas

El que no las limare o las rompiere,
Ni el nombre de varon ha merecido,
Ni subir al honor que pretendiere.

El Animo plebeyo y abatio
Elija, en sus intentos teneroso,
Primero estar suspenso que caido;

Que el corazon entero y generoso
Al caso adverso inclinara la frente
Antes que la rodilla al poderoso . . ."
— Epistolo Moral —

DYKES 1981: Gene Bigelow
1987: Ken McAnlis

Pvt. 4, 1, Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2; Chairman TCFC '84; Tres. AUSA; Platoon Sgt. Tanker Platoon; Royal Order of Malcontents and Unrepentant Rebels.

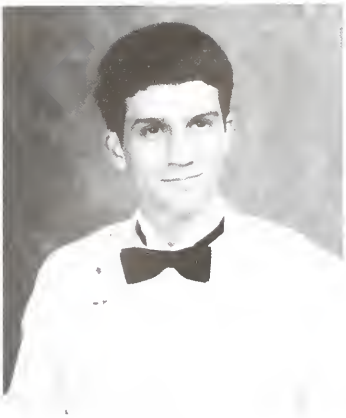
Manuel Antonio Mendez

"Manny, Manolo, 'Dez"
Juncos, Puerto Rico
Electrical Engineering — Navy

It all began somewhere on the vertigo-inspiring heights of the third stoop . . . as roommates forced to forego the manifold pleasures offered at "real" colleges, in search of a respectable GPA. Under the harsh, and often unfriendly conditions rampant on that woe-begotten level of barracks, the bonds of true friendship were forged. Manuel is perhaps the most individualistic person I have ever known, and to this day I often wonder at my luck in gaining such a true friend and companion. Rather than question my luck, however, I have always left it to suffice that such a friendship does exist, and have vowed to never question it's being. Manuel, friend, compadre . . . I owe you more than mere words could ever express, and I only hope that in the future I live up to your expectations as a friend, as well as you have mine. Hasta luego mi hermano. — New Wave

DYKES 1981: Mark David
1987: Hiram Morales

IEEE 3, 2, 1, Vice President 1; Eta Kappa Nu Honor Society 1; Cadet Battery 2, 1, Battery XO 1; 1984 BOMB Ad Editor, Dean's List 2; EE BOHICA Club



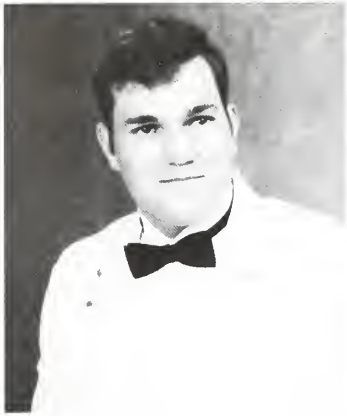
Gregory Russell Michigan

"Detroit, Mouse, Mich"
Severna Park, Maryland
Civil Engineering — Air Force

At VMI, some cadets skip nonchalantly over years spent here, and others tend to become lethargic. Not Greg. He has taken the time to feel the touch of VMI, and has benefited from it. That is not to say that VMI has instilled honor, energy, and determination in Greg, but rather it brought those inherent qualities to the surface. Greg came to VMI for an education and to obtain the privilege to fly. He will accomplish both. In living with Greg his roommates have learned from his example to bear hardships, and to reap rewards from seemingly desperate situations. The years spent with Greg were eventful. Ring Figure was a joyous occasion and cost Greg three months. He was the first to catch that illness in our room, but not the last! Greg, there is so much more to say, but no more room. Thanks for being here for us. Thanks Snake, Birddog, J.L., Oregon, and Geronimo.

DYKES 1981: Stephen Maurer
1987: Kenneth Marsh

ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; 144-146 Social Club; Equestrian Club 4, 3



Johnson Corey Miers, III

"John, J.C."
Scranton, Pennsylvania
History — Army, Armor

Four years ago when I walked through these hallowed arches, I wondered what hit me. Now I know what it was; an experience which cannot be duplicated anywhere else. Now after it's over, I'm glad I stuck it out. There was a time when I thought West Point was the place to go. Now, especially after going up there on the Corps trip 3rd class year, I realize the mother "I" is the place. It's not necessarily the best for academics, military, or by no means athletic but it is the place for a whole man. Someone who can handle the "real" world without shaking in fear, no matter what the situation. Here we have some of the best men in the world and I'm proud to say I've known them or been friends with them.

I'd like to thank my parents without whom I would not have made it, and my roommates and other friends who also helped. Also thanks Tom for letting me use and abuse your dyke when I needed one.

DYKES 1981: Geoff Hinshelwood
1987: None (Fla. Roadtrip!)

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Ranger Plt. 4; Tanker Plt. 2, 1; CBC 2; New Market March 3, 2; AUSA 4, 3, 2, 1; Crew '32 RTB 2, 1; Cpt. Barker Fan Club 2, 1; VMI PFT 2

Barry Lee Miller

"Weanie Head, Milba Head, The Ween"
Lynchburg, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army, Engineers

Well, it's been four long years at the "I", but when I think about it, the time has passed quickly. I can remember with ease, how during my Rat and Third Class years, I'd threatened myself to quit and head up to Tech, but I finally came to my senses and stuck it out. Now graduation is almost here and I almost hate to see my cadetship end. I'll never forget the good times I've had at VMI, nor the bad, but most of all I remember those very special friends I've made. I'll miss you guys dearly.

To my family, friends and Sweetie, thanks for putting up with all my gripes and complaints for the past four years. I love you all. Finally, long live '84! — B.L.M.

DYKES 1981: Tim "Suado" Hesson
1987: Kenny "Spaz-Man" Walsh

Pvt. 4, 1, Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2; ASCE 3, 2, 1; BOMB Staff 1; Cadet Asst. 1; Dean's List 2, 1; Inst. Escort Program 1; Rat Training 4; RFYL 3, 1; Weekend Club 4, 3

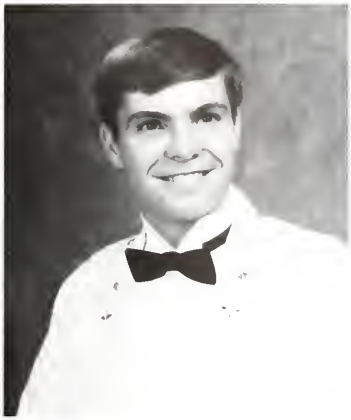
John D. Minehan

"J.D., Big John, Leprachaun"
Troy, New York
History, Spanish — Army

John and I became friends our rat year and roommates the next. Words like friend and Brother Rat only begin to describe the good qualities of the man from Troy, N.Y. He is the embodiment of VMI's whole man concept. Stars and stripes on his blouse attest to John's true abilities in the classroom and in the corps. J.D. had a particular liking for being with the rats, and while being cadreman, he tried to instill in them the idea that academics come first. Whether it be in rat ranks, on the stoops, or in the workout room of the RDC, John was there both to correct and punish the rodents for their mistakes. John was more willing to help other people than any other person I have ever seen. He helped them in their studies or a variety of other ways, especially by taking their place on guard. His being a veteran of 53 guard mounts is proof of this. Should he decide to become a lawyer, make the Army a career, or even do something else, I'm sure that John will be a success. Good Luck J.D. — DGF

DYKES 1981: Scott W. Marsh
1987: Thomas J. Voytko

Sgt. 2; Pvt. 1; Cadre Cpl. 3; Rat 4; S-5 Tour Guide 4, 2; Advertising Manager *VMI Cadet* 2; IRC Treasurer 2, 1; AUSA 2, 1; Academically Distinguished 4, 3; Dean's List 3, 2, 1.



Barry Shaun Mines

"Casper, The Human Jukebox, Smiley"
Lewisburg, West Virginia
Civil Engineering — Air Force

Hard Road; the road through VMI. I wanted to go to a school that had the highest ethical values anywhere so I went to VMI, a place where ethical values had never been compromised, and never would be. I came from a small backwoods community, but I had learned at VMI that *anyone* could succeed if only they had dedication, desire, and determination to do well. It is definitely true that good things come to those who work.

Times were difficult here but I'll always cherish the friends I've made at VMI, especially my two roommates who put up with me for three years. Thanks Mark and Barry.

I also want to thank my parents, sister, and brother for all the support they have given me, and most of all I want to thank you Wendy for all the letters, for being understanding and patient, and for always being there when I needed you no matter what. You mean everything to me.

B.S.M.

DYKES 1981: Joe Shrader
1987: Kevin Reardon, Tod Sloan

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Msgt. 2; E Co. Commander 1; Honor Court 2, Vice Pres. Honor Court 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Who's Who, ASCE; Inst. Escort; West Va. Club; "69" Club 3, 2, 1.

John Thomas Mitchell, Jr.

"Mitch, Scooter, L.B."
Macon, Georgia
History — Army

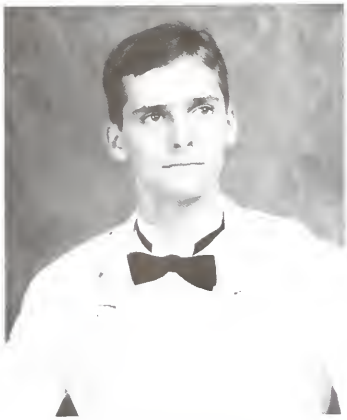
One look at V.M.I. and I knew that I would never come here. Four years later, with a ring on one hand and a diploma in the other, I wouldn't have had it any other way. At first glance, the "I" appears to be a place that takes everything away. But looking back, V.M.I. has given so much more in return — the greatest of which are the lasting friendships that were made.

My first two years were the toughest, but thanks to the "Yacht Club" I remained on board. The last two years were great as I couldn't have asked for better roommates than Chris, Rich, and Andy. I wish each of you every success in life.

Now that it's all been said and done, I never would have made it without the encouragement of my family. Most of all, thanks Mom and Dad for giving me a faith in Christ that saw me through every challenge V.M.I. had to offer.

DYKES 1981: William "Chip" Johnson
1987: John McLean, John Johnson

Civilian-Minded Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Varsity Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Fellowship of Christian Athletes 3, 2, 1; Pre-Law Society 1; "Yacht Club" Understudy 4, 3.



Gary Michael Montgomery

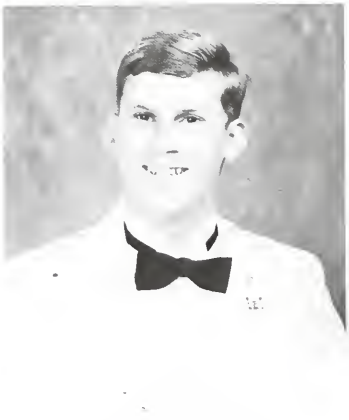
"Monty"
Macon, Georgia
History-Army, Infantry

The Alumni

I was up on the third stoop yesterday,
It felt so oddly familiar . . .
The past years' memories, not yet dead, confronted me.
While dim faces passed oblivious to the scene
of phantasmal forces begging me to remember,
I looked out across the courtyard
Bathed in the warm blush of a setting sun.
The spirit of years rested heavily in the air,
Like the B.R.C. fog that obscures the bricks
While behind Jackson's ghostly guns assemble shadow formations.
Figures moved in ancient customs,
Reflections silhouetted in the spectral haze
Vague suggestions of the times before . . .
Waiting to be revived by an old man in a checkered sportcoat
Walking the stoop in a strange melancholy daze.

DYKES 1981: Butch Burgess
1987: Tim Snyder

Virgin Private; Ranger Platoon 4; Tanker Platoon 3; Rifle Drill Team 2, 1; BRF Club 4, 3; Estelles Grill Club 3, 2, 1; New Market Honor Guard 2; 1st Wave Breakout '84.



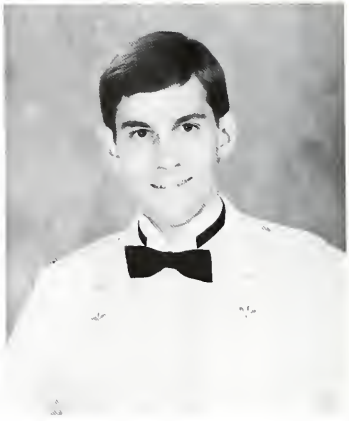
James Harrison Moore

"Jim"
New Market, Virginia
Civil Engineering, Army, Corps of Engineers

I will never forget August 20, 1980. I left one world behind only to find another one ahead. VMI is DIFFERENT and I have always loved to be different, so VMI was perfect for me. The good times have been few, but I will always remember them. To Room 107 (Bubba, Pork, Hank, and Cubby) thanks for the fun times; Lee, 3½ years have been an experience, one that I have enjoyed; Blake, thanks for the fun times; Bill, Good Luck; Dave, we have been together since Day 1 and I want to thank you as you have been a big help to me in making it through here. To Wade Williams, thank you for everything, for if it wasn't for you and your great success here I probably would never have come. To my brothers Mike ('78) and Dick ('82), I can now appreciate what you went through and I am proud to be like you. To Mom and Dad, you have given VMI three sons and given me a lot of understanding, love, and patience. Thanks for believing in me.

DYKES 1981: Robert "Cos" Costello
1987: Paul Brannigan

Track 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 1; Kar Klub 1; ASCE; Virgin Private; Texas Survivor 2.



William Hearne B. Moore

"Hard-Core, Alvin, Master of Periodicals"
Charlottesville, Virginia
English/French Air Force ROTC

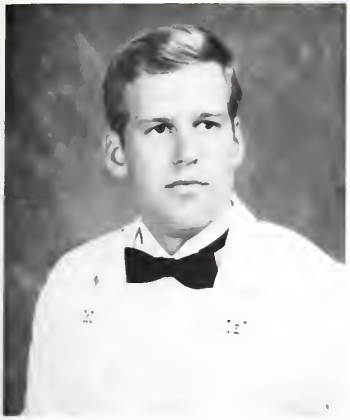
My four year stint at VMI has been a beneficial one. From the close quarters of four and five man rooms to the unenviable position as a rat, cooperation is unavoidable for one's survival.

Coming from an all-male high school to an all-male college was somewhat of a disappointment, but there are inherent advantages if one can maintain his sanity. After four years, I have tremendous respect for most of my classmates. I think that I have learned a great deal in my liberal arts studies and that my L.A. base in concert with my four years in the barracks have prepared me well for the future. W.H.B.M.

"The unexamined life is not worth living." — Garibaldi

DYKES: Noel Williams
1987: Warren Michelsen

Corporal 3; Lacrosse 4, 3; VMI Cadet 3, 2, 1; English Society.



James Markus Morgan, III

"Grandson of Fang, Dog"
Lexington, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army, Engineer

As I was dropped off at Jackson Arch on that unforgettable day, 20 August 1980, after a 100 yard drive from home, I thought I knew just about everything I needed to survive and excel at VMI — little did I know!

The Institute has given me much in return for my four years journey. However, the great everlasting friendships made it all worthwhile. I can't give enough credit to those who helped me when I needed them — but "y'all" know who you are. Jamie, Bruce, Alex, and Frank — it's been great and I'll miss each of you. Mary Beth, thanks for always being there when I needed some TLC. Good luck Andy.

To my Brother Rats who bestowed on me the greatest honor possible by electing me to the Honor Court — I hope I've performed as you wished. Mom, Dad, Mary, and Stuart, thanks for the encouragement. I love you too much to describe. And to the man I admire and respect the most — Dad, you're the best!

DYKES 1981: James Andrew Jackson
1987: Timothy Michael Chester

Honor Court 2, 1 — Prosecutor 1; Lacrosse 4, 3, 2, 1 — Captain 1; ASCE — President 1, Vice President 2; Dean's List; Academically Dis. DMS; DMG; Who's Who; SCSC; "101" Club.

William Jeffrey Morris

"Ratman"
Nashville, Tennessee
History — Army

Although at times the easier road looked tempting, in the words of Robert Frost "I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."

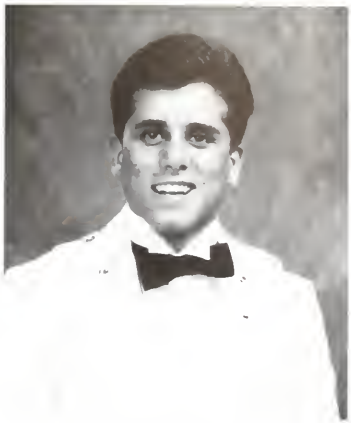
I could not have survived the last four years without the friends I have made here. Although we may become separated with the years, I know we will remain as Shakespeare says "We few, we happy few, we band of brothers." To my roommates, Jeff Duncan and J. R. Robinette, I can only say thanks for helping me through.

Most importantly, to my parents, I thank God for you and your . wisdom which has guided me throughout my life — Phillipeans 4:13.

"And gentlemen in England, now a-bed, shall think themselves accused they were not here; and hold their manhoods cheap whiles any speaks that fought with us . . ." Henry V, IV . . .

DYKES 1981: Elliot Turner Williams III
1987: Scott Armstrong, Rob Lannom

Pvt. 4, 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; AUSA 4, 3, 2, 1; IRC 1; Cadet Battery 2; Ranger Plt. 4; Capts. King, Hall, Scheipers, Daddy Barrett, and Smokey Gilliam Fan Clubs.



John R. Munno

"Johnny Lightning"
Long Island (West Islip), New York
Economics — Air Force

Any competitor that truly has the heart and desire to be the best may never actually get there, but that same competitor will never give up, and consequently will never lose that competitive edge. VMI has stimulated an ardent desire within myself to become the best that I possibly can. It has also provided for some special relationships that will follow with me throughout my life. I would like to mention some of these special people. Bob; VMI has brought us together and made us inseparable forever. Tim, Greg, Chip, and John; the memories will last forever, but now it's time to look ahead, and the future is all ours . . . Let's go for it! Coach; It was great wrestling for you; I gave you all I had with all my heart. Diane; your warmth and love has brightened my life. Tom; good luck, "Knockem Dead." Jamie; you were always there when I needed you most . . . Keep it up!! Joey; "God bless you." Mom and Dad; I love you both so much; I hope I've made you proud.

DYKES 1981: Joseph Provenzcno
1987: Brad Brzozindki

Sgt. 1; Lt. 1; Wrestling 4, Capt. 3, 2, 1; Monogram Cl Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Fratelli Club; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Asst. Wrestling 3, 2; Azalea Festival Escort.

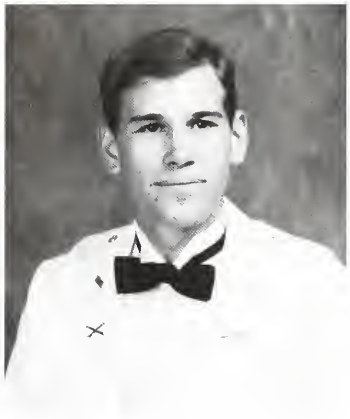
Christopher Patrick Murnane

"Marathon Man, Lucky Charms, Popeye"
Springfield, Virginia
Chemistry — Army, Artillery

When I look back to these four years at the "I", I hope I can say these four years were definitely not my best. I often heard VMI called the "Mother I." If this is the case, I pray to God I was adopted. VMI was definitely an experience. Thanks Mom, Pop, Tim, John, Mike, and Liz for everything. Thank God I made it.

DYKES 1981: Mike Hatfield
1987: Jamie "Punkrock" McGlasson

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Wrestling 4; Rugby 2; Cadet Battery 1.



Peter Hall Nealley Jr.

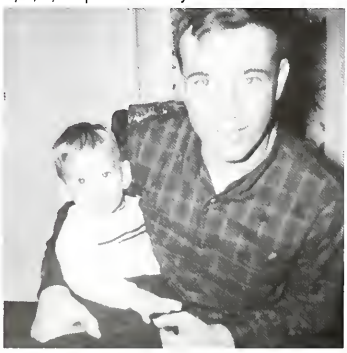
"New Wave, Wave, Rodeo"
Dover, New Hampshire
Chemistry — Army

It's late at night, the First Class histories were due last week and I still haven't thought of a way to say this — how do you sum up four years of friendship in 150 words? I met Pete when both of us came to VMI for an S-5 tour during our Senior year in High School. At first he seemed thin and quiet. Now, after knowing him four years, I've seen that underneath that quiet exterior is a true friend and brother. Who else would substitute caffeine for sleep so he could finish the Ring Figure Magazine by himself? And still keep the rest of the room entertained with his music, changing moods and Skeezer? Pete, you've been a great roommate and friend, good luck Brother Rat. — JHAW

Jonno, Manuel, Stevie, Roddie (true Brother Rat) . . . thanks for the friendship, companionship, and darn good times. I'll never forget any of you. A.T. thanks for the guidance. Dad . . . thanks for the support. I love You. James . . . make me proud !

DYKES 1981: A.T. Funkhouser
1987: James "Nof Too" Bright

Editor-in-Chief 1984 BOMB; B Co. Guidon 1; 1984 Ring Figure Magazine; Section Chief — Cadet Battery 2; Publications Board 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Corporal for a Day.



Nguyen Anh Hao

"Skipper, Wiz Kid"
Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Navy

It's been a long road, but I have finally made it. I have learned so much at VMI, but so much never seems enough. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my family for all they have done for me in my life. Special thanks to my parents, my brother-in-law, my sisters, and my brothers for all their guidance during my four years at VMI. It is impossible for me just to say thank you for everything you have done for me, so I just say you have all my love and respect. I also want to extend my thanks to my roommates and friends for giving me such a good friendship. But most of all, I thank God for leading me all the way to the end of the road.

"Duong di kho, khong kho vi ngan song cach nui ma kho vi long nguoi nui e song."

DYKES 1981: Timothy Nitz
1987: Tran Ngoc Hung "Easy Rider"

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's Honor List 4, 3, 2, 1; Academically Distinguished 2, 1; ASCE Student Charter; Karate Club 4, 3, 2.

Douglas Golladay Nichols

"Baby Condor, Big Bird, Condor"
Flint Hill, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Air Force

The past four years have sometimes seemed like an eternity, but I realize now that they have been just a brief instance in my life. It has been an uphill struggle filled with anxieties, disappointments, hopes, and even rewards. My decision to come to VMI is one that I will never regret.

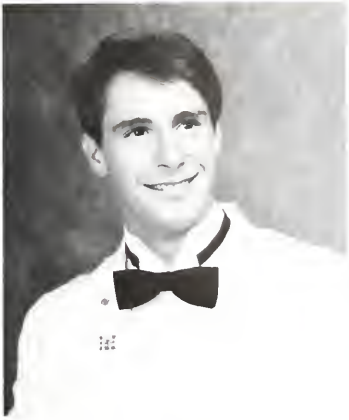
As for history — Rat year . . . Third class year . . . I was so lost that I consider myself lucky to have survived. Besides my roommates and I racking up 8+ months of confinement, second class year was lucredible. Nothing could compare to Friday nights, stoop parties, and Ring Figure. Wow!

The enduring friendships that I have established make VMI more than worthwhile. To my roommates — Pat, Roon, Cap, and Gee — thanks for your support and all the great times. And to my family, my most favorite people, thanks so much for your love and understanding.

All the way, Dave!

DYKES 1981: Dave Gillespie
1987: Carl Hardee

Private 4, 1; Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Rat Training 4, 2, 1; SCSC 2; Rat Disciplinary Committee 1; "I Love Steve Club" 2, 1.



John Lee Watson Noell

"J.L., Jerry Jr., J. Lee"
Portsmouth, Virginia
Chemistry-Air Force

What can you actually say about the VMI experience, except you lived through it. The whole situation reminds me of the lifestyle that a medieval monk would follow. A life of seclusion, self-discipline, and hard work. Looking back over the past days, I can't say I regret ever coming here for I have accomplished many things that I probably wouldn't even have considered a priority at a liberal more lucrative college. For as much as the social life, I am eternally grateful for the productive summers at Nags Head which were full of women, waves, and no worries. Special thanks to my roommates, Sammy, Teddy, Greg, and Kenny who put up with me through the years. Also thanks to Carl and his family for the exotic adventures in Florida during spring break. Hasta Luega VMI!

DYKES 1981: Charlie Wilson
1987: Joe Speigel "The Beagle"

VMI Swim Team; Monogram Club; ACS Participant; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Distinguished Student 2 Years.

William Edgar Noel, II

Newport News, Virginia
History-Marine Corps

It seems like only yesterday that my Brother Rats and I matriculated into the Institute. The time really flew by and we can be proud of ourselves for what we have accomplished. A bond was forged 4 years ago which will last for our lifetimes. In just these past few years we have gone through so much many other people can only marvel at our dedication and perseverance.

This is my space to say thank you to all those wonderful people who helped make these past few years ones I'll always treasure. To all those parents who "adopted" me on Parents weekend thank you.

To Jeff, Steve, and Mike what can I say in just one short paragraph which already has been felt and said. You all are brothers to me and I have a very strong feeling our paths will continually cross in the future.

DYKES 1981: Nick Savage
1987: Ted Devens, John Olinger

Varsity Rifle Team 4, 3; Cheerleading 2, 1; FCA; Private 4; Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Lieutenant 1.

Duane Charles Olinski, Jr.

"Dewski, Dewey"
West Mifflin, Pennsylvania
Civil Engineering — Army, Engineer

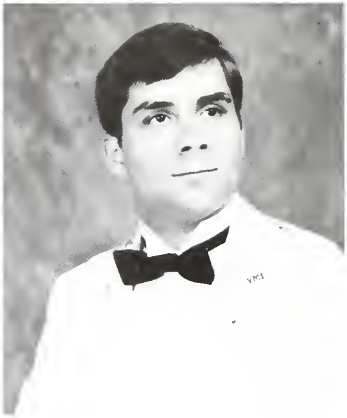
I came to VMI not knowing what to expect. Maybe it was better that way. VMI has given me a lot but it has taken so much in return. One thing VMI has given me is some wonderful friendships. Toby, Darryl, Jay, and Alan — Thanks. You have helped me grow as a person and I really appreciate all of you. I hope we stay close. We can have a drink in Moody Hall in 50 years. I will never forget the good times.

Mom and Dad, I guess I can say "We made it!" I could not have made it through without your love, support, and understanding. To say thank you doesn't seem enough so I'll just say that "I love you."

Dykes, I want to say press on. The road to get a VMI diploma is a long one filled with many obstacles. I wish you luck.

DYKES 1981: James E. Langan
1987: William Wanovich, Eric Davis

Pvt. 4, Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2, A Co. XO 1; Honor Court 1; Monogram 1; Promaji Club 2, 1; Golf 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1



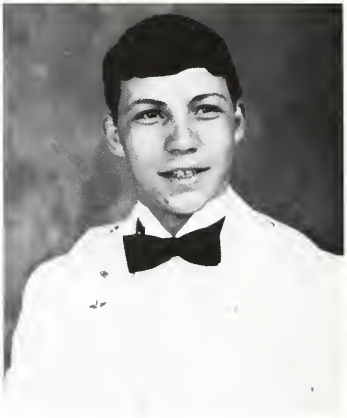
Glenn A. Omans, II

"Spanky, The Omen"
Felton, Delaware
Electrical Engineering — Navy

Honor, pride, brother rat, these are things I will never forget. They have been a part of me these past four years, and I will carry the principles I have learned from them for the rest of my life. The friends I have here I will not forget, and I hope we will never lose touch. Of these I would most like to remember my roommates. Keith Samuelson (Pinky) and Robbie Knarr (Knubby.) This last year here a new sparkle has been added to room "73" by our dykes (Pokey— Mike Hinckle, (Stuart Little) Stuart Halasz, (Birdie) Todd Burdette, Lap The Chau and Ricky Cruze. VMI I say goodbye to you but not completely. I will always carry a part of you with me wherever I go.

DYKES 1981: Gene Loving, Kenny Pierre
1987: Mike Hinckle

Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Karate Club 1; Rugby 2; IEEE; Keith Samuelson Suntan Club



Thomas John Palmer

"T.J."
Ringwood, New Jersey
History — Air Force, Pilot

I've known the glory of winning I've known the temporary depression of defeat I've experienced the peace of solitude, and the emptiness of being alone. I've felt the superiority and power of hard work and dedication, the joyous relief of reaching the ultimate goal. The reassurance, both given and received, that friendship brings is just another part of a truly fulfilled soul. Nothing right can be achieved without honor and integrity because honesty from within teaches the greatest, hardest lessons. Eric and Jim, I love you guys, thanks. Phil, Mike, God bless you both. Mark never forget, B.J. and the Boss. Thanks for the gift I know I never can repay. To my family, thank you and I love you all very much. Philippians 4:11-13

DYKES 1981: David L. Richards
1987: Douglas L. Flynn

Relig. Counc., V.P.; Inter. Rel. Club, Sec.; Rat

David H. Parker Jr.

"Poodles"
Stuarts Draft, Virginia
History/Special "Civilian" Student

It is with graduation clearly in mind that I write this brief history of my college career. I can't say that I've enjoyed it all, but there were good times. Going to VMI helped me realize and appreciate the freedoms I did forsake for a "unique experience."

". . ., locked out from "society," your being rehabilitated, corrected, re-briefed, re-educated, on life itself, without your having the opportunity of really reliving it."

Johnny Cash

I thank my heavenly Father for the strength to succeed, and to my family for faithfully and positively influencing my life while in school, I also owe a great debt to all my friends for making my life here somewhat endurable for four years.

"All the Way Doug!"

DYKES 1981: Bruce "Repeat" Gitchell
1987: Vernon David Hoke

Rat 4; Pvt./Cpl. 3; "Grub" Private 2, 1; Fellowship of Christian Athletes 3, 2, 1; Varsity Football 3; Cir. "K" Club 2, 1; Ring Fig. Con. Comm. 2; SCSC.

Christopher Andrew Parks

"Possum Head, Stretch, CAP"
Onancock, Virginia
History — Army, Infantry

I loved VMI for the first two years but, with my first taste of alcohol at Ring Figure came my first number one and the romance soon died. Then I met Laurie, a wonderful girl from JMU and soon received my second number one. At this point my love loss for VMI increased. The only thing that made me stick it out at the "I" was the encouragement from my family, Laurie and my close friends especially my roommates Scott, Todd and Mark. Thanks!

Look not mournfully into the past. It comes not back again. Wisely improve the present. It is thine. Go forth to meet the shadowy future, without fear and with a manly heart. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Ideals are like stars; you will not succeed in touching them with your hands. But like the seafearing man on the desert of waters, you choose them or your guides and following them you will reach your destiny.

Carl Schurz

DYKES 1981: Ralph Northam
1987: Sammy "Sand Flea" Nelson

Band 4, 3, 2, 1, Drum Major 1; Pep Band 4, 3, 2, 1, V.P. 1; Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; VMI *BOMB* 3, 2, 1; VMI Theater 4, 3, 2; VMI Commanders 4, 3, 2, 1, Director 2, 1; Fencing 4, 3, 1.

Glenn Macon Parrish

"The Earth-Pig"
Richmond, Virginia
English — Navy

For rigous teachers seized my youth,
And purged its Faith, and trimmed its Fire,
Showed me the high, white star of Truth,
There bade me gaze, and there aspire.
Even now their whispers pierce the gloom:
What dost thou in this living tomb?

— Matthew Arnold

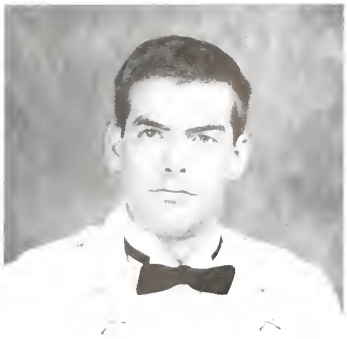
Far more valuable than my ring or my diploma are the friends I have known here. In four years I have come to rely on them when the Institute got me down. They are VMI. It's been great, guys. Maybe someday we'll go to college.

On no! Not the pancakes!? Everybody — out the window! — Pig

"Happiness is for Pigs"
— Aristotle

DYKES 1981: Hal Scott
1987: Carl Feddeler

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Wrestling 4; Rugby 3, 2, 1; Pre-Law Society/Treasurer; English Society Treas.; Alpha Tau Buzzy Sergeant-at-Arms; Amnesty Appreciation Association.



David Richard Pastorius

"Dr. Past, Hey You, Dave"
Butler, Pennsylvania
History-Army, Infantry

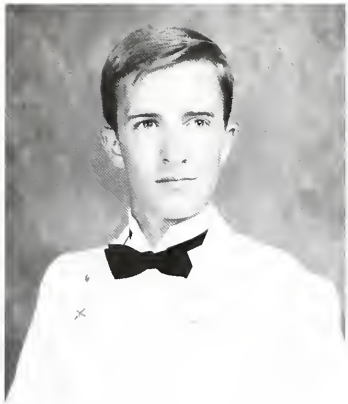
"If I die bury me upside-down, so the whole world can kiss my ass."

Otterburger — **Fields of Fire**

Why not, Bart?

DYKES 1981: Jamo Waring
1987: Matt — The Rat — Howard

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Unauthorized Car 3, 2, 1; Confinement (MEGA) 2, 1; Dating Ugly Women Club 4, 3, 2, Pres. 1; Party Crew 2, 1.



Stuart Ballard Payne

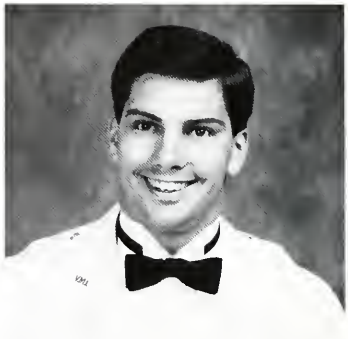
"Pinnochio, Durango"
Lovingston, Virginia
Economics/French-Army, Field Artillery

Thanks Mom and Dad for everything. It has been an experience and I'm glad now that I've had the opportunity to "enjoy" it. Now it's time to move on.

SBP

DYKES 1981: Dave Saunders
1987: Gray "Dough Head" Wooten

Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Lieutenant 1; Cadet Assistant 2, 1; Dean's List 4, 3; Fort Picket Fan Club 2.



Craig Andrew Peacock

"Cap, Weedick, Peahen"
Greenfield Center, New York
Civil Engineering-Army Corps of Engineers

How about those killer roadtrips? Rolling down the road, out of your skull, the car weaving as you dodged those massive package checks! Was it necessary to lose so many hours out of life?

But seriously Piasan, we have had the best of times and the worst of times — you always made me laugh through both. You and Donny have been the best in friends and I will never forget. Until then, keep pounding those barleys! Yeah, I guess! The Top Wop. — DMA '83

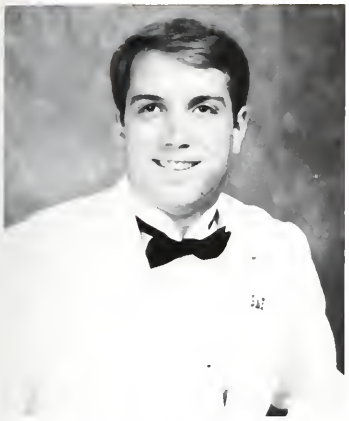
Hey Mom and Dad! Thanks for all your support and love during these four very long years. Though I don't say it enough . . . I love you very much.

To all my Brother Rats and friends, thanks for being there when I needed you.

Finally to Don, Nick and Ray, as our goals in life finally separate us, your spirit and love will remain within me. Take care and God bless you S.O.B.'s. — CAP '84

DYKES 1981: Dan Gallagher
1987: Ed Baruch, William Seiferth

ASCE 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; 2nd Lieutenant 1; Vice-President TCFC '84; Glee Club 4, 3; Pep Band 4, 3; Ring Figure Rock Painting Comm.; Pervert Corner 3, 2, 1.



Jeffrey Neal Perkins

"Perk, P-Fresh"
Roanoke, Virginia
Electrical Engineering — Army, Engineers

When Perk rolled in from the Star City he wasn't worried about the ratline considering his cadre corporal was his best friend from high school. But after one day with his roommates, he was forced to abandon all hope of keeping a low profile. Then he met the academic ratline and really strained. It didn't take long for the stripes to come off his sleeves and Perk's uniform has been deteriorating ever since. Second Class year, Perk taught us to feesh whether it was sleeping through Taps uptown, or partying in the "X" after 2200 on confinement. For four years, the Mocking Perk has kept us on our toes with his razor sharp, lightning-like wit, and keen sense of humor. Perk, see ya on the balcony of Moody Hall. Don't ever change.

— CRB, CHZ, THS

Thanx Mom, Dad, Chip, and Vicky for all the support.

Perk

DYKES 1981: David "Promaji" Hinchee
1987: Steve Cade, Bobby Eaton

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; IEEE 2, 1, Treasurer 1; Kar Klub 2, 1; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; Bloodmobile Comm. 4, 3, 2, 1, Chrman 1; Utterly Mind Roasted 2, 1; Lucky 7 Club 3, 2, 1

Andrew E. Petretti

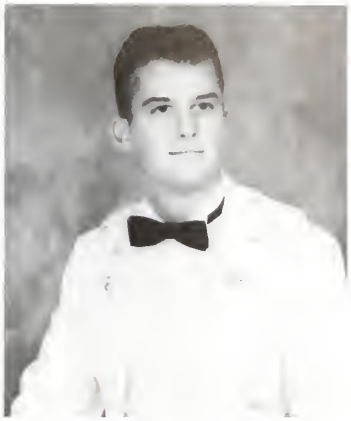
"Mario, A.P., Toaster Head"
Palm Bay, Florida
Electrical Engineer — Army

Four years ago I came to Lexington knowing very little about what I was getting into. So many times during that first year I thought about giving in and going home. If it wasn't for my Mom accepting the charges for all the collect phone calls, I doubt that I would have stayed. I owe her a great deal and I want her to know that I love her very much.

Now that it's all over, I can say that it wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. The friendships made here are very special. Nils, Ty, Carlos. *Paul* and Mark, to say that I am going to miss the things we did is an understatement. Without guys like you, this place would have been unbearable. And finally I wish I could tell all the people I've met outside of VMI how special they are to me. No, looking back I really don't have any regrets. Well, maybe one, leaving it all behind.

DYKES 1981: Glenn Alexander, John Myers
1987: Vincent Rauss

Rat 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Pvt. 1; Varsity Soccer 4, 3; Cadet Battery 2, 1; Cadet Asst. 1; Apple Blossom Escort 2, 1; Doorman EC/GC 1; Army . Scholarship 4, 3, 2, 1



Jeffrey Michael Phaneuf

"Neuf"
Sherborn, Massachusetts
English — Marine

I would like to devote this page to my parents, whose love, morale, and financial support has made my existence here at VMI possible. I will always be indebted to them for this opportunity they have provided me. Additionally I thank my Brother Rats, especially John M. Brown, whose high degree of patience and understanding has made my stay at the "I" pure joy.

DYKES 1981: Jorgy Ronke
1987: Kyle Oliver

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Varsity Soccer 4; Glee Club 4; VMI Drama 2, 1; English Society 1; Pre-Law Society 1; Dive Club 1.

David Edward Phillips

"Bum, Squirrel, The Kid"
Nashville, Tennessee
Civil Engineering — Marine

My days at the Institute were quite challenging and quite interesting. I will never forget the good times and my good friends. I have made a few plans for after graduation which include my three infamous roommates and Room 107. Jim, I'm having a party at Day's Inn, can we use your brother's car? Rufus, Bones and I challenge you to a game of quarters. We'll meet you at the Hyatt in Denver, Colorado. Bring your snowshoes. Wimpy, The Cruiser and I will meet you at Va. Beach. Don't worry about transportation, The Captain will drive. Room 107, we've got the belts. If you want them back, meet us in Las Vegas, but until then, drink your milk suckbutts.

I must thank my Mom and Pops for putting up with me and South Central Bell. I would also like to thank my dear sweet friend who has been so understanding throughout my four years. You're the greatest, never change.

DYKES 1981: Louis Darden
1987: Clark "Flea" Bristol

Cpl., Sgt., Lt.; Gold Coast Spiders Club; ASCE; Monogram Club 2, Treasurer 1; Kar Klub 2, 1; Football 4, 3, 2; Baseball 3, 2, 1.

Steven John Pilotte

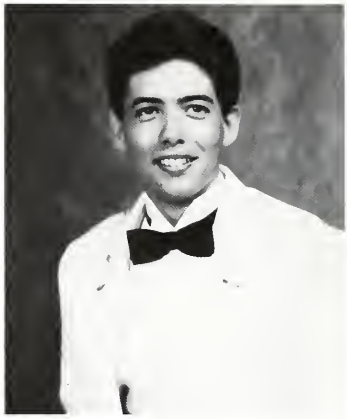
"Moto, Pilot of the Airways, Peeelot"
Hempstead, New York
History — Marine Corps

Tomorrow is a dream that leads me onward . . .
Tomorrow is a path I've yet to choose,
it's a chance I've yet to take,
a friend I've yet to make,
it's all the talent I have yet to use.

Tomorrow is a dream that leads me onward,
always just a step ahead of me . . .
it's the joy I've yet to know,
the love I've yet to show,
for it's the person I have yet to be.
K. Ravn.

DYKES 1981: Michael "Plaz" Placzekc
1987: Mike Hastings, Verl Dyer

Cadre Cpl. 3; Pvt. 2, 1; Rifle Team 3; Parachute Club 2; Rat Training 2; Bulldog Training 4, 3, 2, 1; Marine Detachment 2, 1; Marine Corps Marathon 3, 2, 1; Shamrock Mara. 2, 1.



William Garrell Piper

"Mr. Bill, Pipes, C Co. Hippy"
Bedford, New York
Economics — Air Force

VMI has been an experience which I shall never forget. All of the hard work has finally paid off. Moe, Soss, thanks for all of the great times we shared together. (Goshen, corp trips, Ring Figure, Baldwin Sem. parties, Fripp) Let's don't let them stop. Mom, Dad, Courtney, thank you for supporting me through these last four years. But most of all thanks for summer school '81'. Without your push I wouldn't be where I am today. I only hope I've made you proud of me, especially you Dad. Lori, what can I say, what I owe to you for helping me through VMI can never be repaid. Thank you for caring and being there when I needed you.

"I shall be telling this with a sigh somewhere ages and ages hence: two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."
Robert Frost

DYKES 1981: John McKeegan
1987: Chris Douglas

Ski Club; Karate Team; Arnold Air Society.

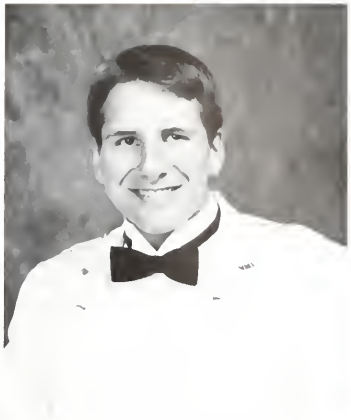
Steven Roger Plystak

"Staker, Staktose"
Wilmington, Delaware
Chemistry — Navy

Coming to V.M.I. has been an experience. I applied to other schools, but V.M.I. was really the only choice. I started out as a Bio major, but got guperized and changed to Chemistry. My first goal at V.M.I. was to get a NROTC scholarship. I worked hard and got one. Now as a senior — I am working to get into nuclear power school. I have met a lot of good friends here and at other schools. During the weekends, you'll find me at Randolf Macon, Hollins, Radford, or Southern Seminary. I have had some disappoints and some surprises. But I don't regret any of this. Thanks Mom and Dad for your support. You saw me go in as a rat — go through many hardships. Being there at the airport when coming home from my Hawaiian cruise — Ring Figure and graduation I finally made it!

DYKES 1981: Joe Moan
1987: Bill Davis

Karate Club 1; Weight 4, 3, 2, 1; Flag Football 2; Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Raquetball 3, 2, 1; Cadre Cpl. 3; Navy Scholarship 2, 1.



Richard Harding Poff, Jr.

"Rich, Muff"
Richmond, Virginia
English — Army, Field Artillery

During our Rat year, Rich and I got to know one another, and we have roomed together for the past three years. Rich is a quiet guy who may even seem unsociable at times. But, rooming with him, I got to see all of his characteristics, some that come unnoticed. Rich is very kind at heart and very giving. In our room, Rich would always bring comic relief to us with his infamous imitations. I will never forget Rich and our many experiences we've gone through here at VMI, and I wish Rich the best of luck in the future.

RMC

With malice toward none, with charity for all. With firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in: to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace — among ourselves, and with all . . . — Abraham Lincoln

DYKES 1981: Dave Fiedler
1987: Blair Shelton

English Society; Pre Law Society; Dean's List; Airborne.

William Thomas Powell, Jr.

"Boog, W.T. Bill"
Lawrenceville, Virginia
History — Air Force

Old "Boog" has been a good friend a bad influence, and mixes a great Vodka, Gin, and Rum. Those at Ring Figure were the best I ever wore. His bartending skills are surpassed only by his prodigious propensity for proponderance of ponderous and hyperverbose locution. Billy taught me a lot about politics, his forte, and converted me from political apathy, but I'd still vote for Billy. He'd make an excellent dog catcher!

Seriously, Bill is a good man. He's always ready to help his friends, he has an excellent mind, and above all, a fine sense of humor. I expect great things from Bill.

DWT

Ken, Dave, Breez, Mark — hey, you're great never change! Alecia, thanks for hanging on through the institute's pettiness. Tootsie, your loyalty, understanding, and love kept me going on the darkest of days. I miss you. And, Dad, my best friend, thanks for all your support and insight — without you VMI would never have been impossible.

Varsity Debate 4, Treasurer 3, President 2, Advisor 1; College Republicans 4, 3, Chairman 1; VMI *CADET*, Editor-in-Charge of Big Stories, Layout Editor 1; Pre Law 2, 1.

Andrew Anthony Protogyrou

"Andy, Protorat, Moto-Proto"
Norfolk, Virginia
English — Army

Andy came to VMI not knowing much about the Institute or its ways. But when Andy leaves a block will be firmly placed in VMI's foundation, and VMI will be better because of this addition. I tried to persuade Andy not to come to VMI for many reasons, but after living with Andy 4 years of our 9 year friendship, I realize this would have been a grave mistake, both to Andy and VMI. Andy has been a *true* friend to all those who knew him, and we can only feel lucky for this. Andy conquered the three-legged stool having spread himself evenly among the academic, military, and athletic aspects of our school. Andy truly respects the type of man VMI produces with pride. Godspeed Andy.

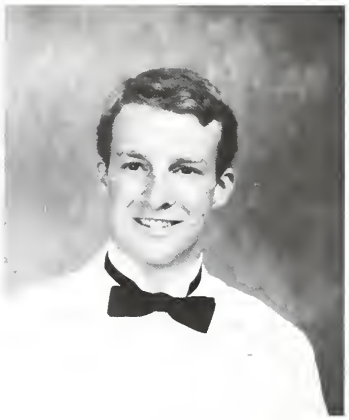
RBB

I would like to thank my Mamma and Patera for their support, love, and great advice. I love both of you very much.

AAP

DYKES 1981: Mark Gonsalves
1987: Ted Fishback, Ernest Edgar

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Dean's List 3, 2, 1; Vice Pres. Rat Disciplinary Committee; English Society 3, 2, 1 (Vice Pres.); Pre Law Society 3, 2, 1 (Vice Pres.); Rugby 2, 1.



David Anthony Pruitt

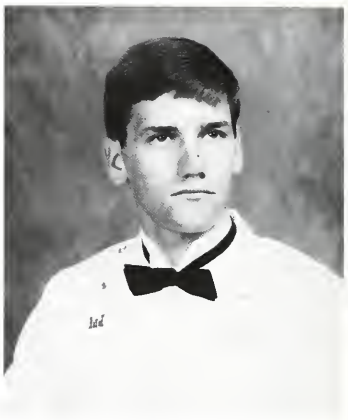
Burlington, North Carolina
Economics — Air Force

It is hard to say exactly what VMI has taught me. As I look back, I realize that in four years I have grown in many ways. I started VMI with rank very much in mind, but after a little over two years, I understood that the "I" was not a pertect system and I in no way could make it one. I slowly broke down Barriers that I had made between my Brother Rats and me — and thanks to them (107, 101, 112, and 134), I made many close friends that I knew would be there to help and support me if I needed it. But most importantly, they knew they could count on me at anytime to help them. VMI has taught me things about myself and about others that I could never have learned anywhere else.

I would like to thank my family for their encourage, support, and love — they were the ones that really pulled me through this place.

DYKES 1981: Kenneth Herbert
1987: Eric A. Bowman

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Color Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Young Economist I; Dean's List 3; Marshall Assistant 3, 2, 1.



Stephen Gregory Reardon

"Sunshine, Scoop, Roon"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics — Army

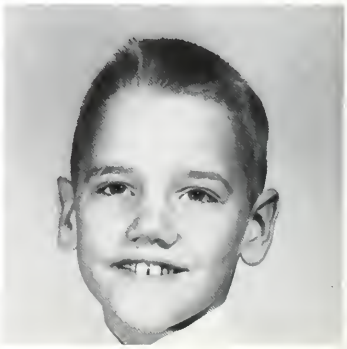
Emerson once wrote that the years teach what the days never know. My days at VMI have been full of uncertainty and speculation. I came here thinking that I knew a lot and learned that you never know a lot. I have had many foundations strengthened, many horizons opened, many misconceptions corrected, many trials endured and many friendships secured.

Through the years I have grown, yet remained the same. The years have made sense of the daily toil. The years — thank goodness there were only four — have brought us not to the end, but to the beginning.

"Though this be madness, yet there is method in't."

DYKES 1981: Martin O. Bernet
1987: Bruce Bangley

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Honor Court 1; Co-Editor *The Cadet* Editorial Page 1; Writer *The Cadet* 3, 2; Pre Law Society; Young Republicans Club.



Hans Ringenbach

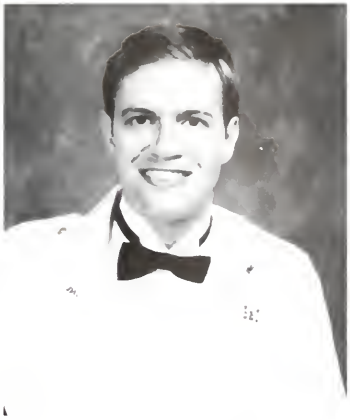
Pinehurst, North Carolina
Electrical Engineering — Army

After being here for four years, I have a lot of people to thank for helping me through.

First I want to thank my teachers, especially the E.E. Dept. for all the extra time they have taken to help. I also want to thank my roommates for their support when I was in trouble and for making barracks life enjoyable. I wish the best of luck to Bobby and Candle in the years after VMI. (If there is such a thing) Chris, well I know you are ready to get out but the question is the world ready for you to get out. Hoy, I don't really hate you, believe me, you are a great guy, I just wish you would get the newspaper to my room earlier. Best of luck to you Bill, in your search for the perfect woman. All of you keep in touch. Hal, don't let this place get you down. Take things a little slower. You still got a lot to learn about VMI but in the end it is worth it.

DYKES 1981: Bob Graham
1987: Hal Taylor

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Shamrock Marathon 3; BOHICA Club 4, 3, 2, 1



Henry Lewis Ritchie

"Funkman, Mullet"
Birmingham, Alabama
Civil Engineering — Army, Engineers

My four years at VMI have been fun at times, but they have not been easy. My Rat year sure did not treat me right with staff tables and RDC cards. We have all come a long way since rat year, and the end is finally in sight. Thank you roommates for keeping me in line and being great friends. Thanks to you Mark for giving me someone to complain with. Thanks Wibby and Mullet for the fod boxes, letters, and that extra push to keep me going. Cecelia, special thanks go to you for putting up with me all these years, and for giving me the love and support I have needed.

DYKES 1981: Ray Moshler
1987: Mike Brown

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Sport Parachute Club 4; Ski Club 3, 2, 1; Dean's List; ACEC Scholarship; CE Lab Assistant

Jeffrey L. Roach

"Spider Monkey"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics — Air Force

How did I ever make it? The friends that have touched my life and the bonds that have been formed far surpass any of my frustrations at VMI. The bond with my wonderful family has grown stronger than I could ever imagine. Thank you, Dad, Mom, Jay and Carroll, Julie, and Roo. Mary Ann, how can I ever thank you for the love and support you've given me? I'm going to spend my life trying. Thank you, Harry, for being the best dyke a spider monkey could have. Steve, Bill, and Mike, thanks for being such great roommates. And Steve, Mark, and Zane, you will always be my dear brothers in Christ. Thank you, Chaplain and Dr. Monsour for being such sources of wisdom and love. But most of all, I want to thank God because it is only through Him that I made it through VMI. Anything I have achieved is to His glory. Good luck, Will.

Philippians 4:6-7

DYKES 1981: Harry Moore
1987: Will Blanton

Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Cpt. 1; Honor Court 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; BSU 3, 2, 1; FCA 2, 1; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; Ring Fig. Comm. 2; Religious Council 1; Society of Young Economists 3, 2, 1

Jeffery Blaine Robinette

"J.R., Jeff, Rob, Robinette"
Big Rock, Va.
Economics — Marine

The first time that I ever saw VMI was on August 20, 1980. I drove up. That night I would have liked to have driven out. I don't regret staying, even if I've spent more time here than anywhere else. Through the good times and bad times, I would like to thank those who have put up with me, (sometimes at the risk of personal harm.) Jeff Duncan, Jeff Morris, Kevin Brooks, and Tim Loudermilk. I Thank you. I don't know what this place would have been like without you.

"Two roads diverge in the woods and I took the one less traveled by, and that made all the difference."

Robert Frost

Also a special thanks to my family and especially you, Mother.

Thanks, I love you Jeffery.

DYKES 1981: Pat McCarthy '80
1987: Ronald Carr

Pvt. 4, 3; Cpl. 3; Pvt. 2, 1; F Co. Guidon; Glee Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Battery 3, 2; RFYL 4, 3, 1; PFT 2; Dean's Other List 4, 2

Darry Jerome Robinson

"D.J."
Decatur, Georgia
Electrical Engineering — Air Force

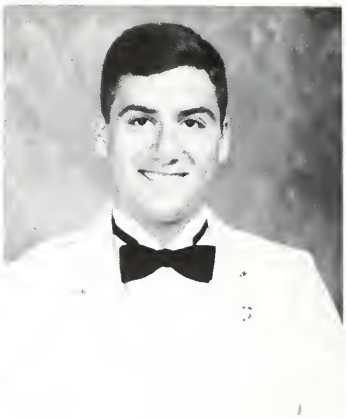
It's hard to believe that four years have passed so quickly. It seems that only yesterday I was a rat walking around barracks with my chin in. Now it's almost time for me to get my diploma and get out in the real world. These have been the most challenging years of my life and I am proud to say "I have met the challenge!"

If it weren't for roommates like Dewy Olinski, Toby Jones, Martin Hiesrath and Jay Brock, I couldn't have made it. Thanks fellas for all the support you gave me through it all. I'd also like to thank my family for all the words of encouragement, and the letters and the food packages which all meant so much to me.

Graduation will be a joyous occasion for me. But even though I leave the "I" on May 19 in a rage of happy jubilation, I will leave a part of me here, the part of me that I lost in the battle to make it through here. I will leave VMI a changed man, a VMI man!!

DYKES 1981: Robert "CoCo" Savage
1987: Cliff Coger, Michael Saunders

4 year letterman Varsity Football; 1 year letterman Varsity Track; President IEEE 1; Promajii Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1



Carl Victor Romano

"Free Spirit, Surf King II"
Altamonte Springs, Florida
History/French — Marine Corps

Well, while I write this History, all I can think about are the good times I have had here. The best thing about this school has to be the friends that one makes, for without them, these past four years would have been wasted. I will never forget the road trips with Jimbo and Holman to Georgia, or spring break when John Lee, Jimbo and myself hit Florida to surf. I wish to thank Mom, Dad, Chris, and Cathy for putting up with me while I was home. I love you all very much. I also wish to thank Commander Smith for being my second father while mine was away, thanks for all your support. People say that college is your "Last Hurrah," well, after being here for four years, the party is just beginning! Good Luck 84, Semper fi — Never Die! C.V.R.

DYKES 1981: Glen Alexander, Ken Morris
1987: Mike Evans

Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; RDC 1; Orienteering Club 1; Marine Detachment 2, 1; Lacrosse 3, 1; Rugby 2; Dean's List 3, 2, 1; Ring Fig. Rock Painting Commando's 2

Gerald Richard Roscoe

"J.R., SKO"
Herndon, Va.
Civil Engineering — Navy

What can I say? It's been four years of . . . hmmm, let me think, Goshen, road trips, evening excursions, Jimmy Buffet, and . . . what? Who said studies? There's been some fun, right Toolbody? How about them stoop talks, and so what if no one seems to understand "Old Mopar." But then, they don't glow.

Well, at least I can say I am a VMI Man. So what if it's beddybye time at 11:30. Everyone knows the Southern Gentleman lets the girl drive. Most of all though, it sure does feel good to know we don't have to drive over dangerous Rt. 60, we might get hurt, so . . . the VMI man makes his girl do that!

I would like to give my love and thanks to my folks for their love and encouragement. Thank you Tracy for being here, I love you. — J. R.

DYKES 1981: Gene Loving
1987: Robert Sprinkle

Scuba Club 1; Ski Club 1; Mopar Club; Buffet Club.

Robert J. Rosedale

"Nebulus, Emperor Bobdale, Rosy"
Newport News, Virginia
Electrical Engineering — Air Force

It's just another daydream . . .
The kids'll be okay.
It's just another detour . . .
They haven't lost their way.
. . . Sometimes you hate it.
Sometimes you love it.
Sometimes you don't know what
to think of it.
. . . Nobody said it was easy
Nobody said it was.
Nobody said it was easy . . .
. . . Now is no time to give up.

Thanks for all of you who have helped me find my way. Mom, Dad, and Russ, without your support and inspiration I think I would have walked away a long time ago. I love you all. And to the men from "College," the boys in the "Batcave," the "Scooby Doo Crew," and the founders of the "Tiso for President Movement" . . . Good luck guys. Y'all were there when I needed ya, and you were there when I thought I didn't need anybody. (I was wrong) Either way you never let me down.

DYKES 1981: Paul Lawrence Perry, III
1987: Ivan "Casper" Mattox

Soccer 4, 2, 1; IEEE 1; Boxing Team 4, 3, 2, 1; Scooby Do Crew 3, 2, 1; Batcave 2, 1.

Robert Rubino

Commack, New York
Economics — Army, Armor

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my parents for the love and support they have given me throughout my life. They are very special people whom I love deeply.

As for four years at VMI . . .
"Hell is truth seen too late."
Rabbi Bernard Raskas
July 2, 1967

DYKES 1987: Mike E. Cestaro

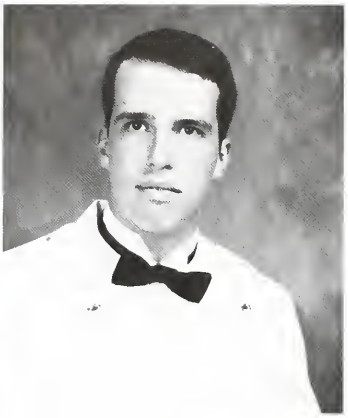
VMI Cadet 4, 3, 2, 1.

Eugene R. Russell, Jr.

"Ranger Rick, Radar"
Boonville, Missouri
History — Navy

A quiet youth, watching
a Southern
long grey line
passing before his eyes, wishful
hopeful,
dreaming.
Confusion, yelling
Harsh.
Bald, sweaty heads, counting cadence,
Rat;
Still hopeful, to pass beyond
the line.
Senior, First. Top dog;
fulfillment, yet
uncertainty.
Watching the crowd as part of a grey line
Remembering dreams;
Knowing reality.
Soon to watch others, clad in grey
form a line;
and march to a familiar cadence.
Dedicated to — My Parents
DYKES 1981: Dave Loduca
1987: Paulo "Rockhead" Rocha

Fencing 4, 3; Track 2, 1; Karate Club 1; VMI Firefighters 1; Militaria Society, Vice Pres., Treas. 1; Glee Club 4, 3; Pep Band 4, 3; Naval Scholarship 4, 3, 2, 1.



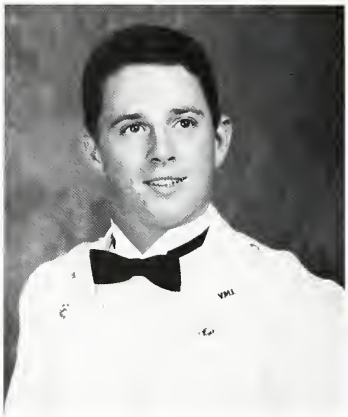
Eugene Michael James Sampey

Irvington, New York
Economics — Army, Armor

I would like to thank my mother and sister who have for the past four years given me the support to remain here.

DYKES 1981: Scott Armstrong
1987: Owen Conely

VMI Cadet 4, 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Tanker Platoon 3, 2, 1; New York — New Jersey Bus 4, 3, 2, 1; Operator 3, 2, 1; Number 1 Club Charter Member; Foreign Affairs Club 2; Cadet Asst. 2.



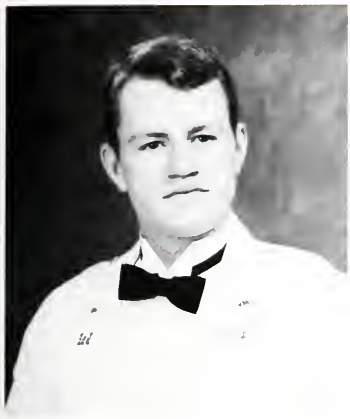
Kevin Joseph Sample

"Yoda, Neck, Nivek Elpmas"
Fincastle, Virginia
Electrical Engineering — Marine

How can one write a first class history in 150 words? Who possesses the combination of conciseness and eloquence that such a feat would demand? I certainly don't have the skills to compress four years of agony and joy, of frustrations and accomplishments into a simple paragraph or two. I can, however, express some heartfelt thanks and gratitude . . . To my mother, for not being "smotherly" however much that may have hurt: . . . To my Dad and uncle for giving me about 18 years of psychological prepping for the rat line and VMI; . . . To the animals of rooms 161 and 151 for their valuable friendships; And finally, to the ones who have received a major part of my time and "attention" over the past three years — "my" Charlie Company Rats. Some of the guys have earned my sincere respect and admiration: some of you haven't. I only hope I did my job as well as I wanted to. KJS '84

DYKES 1981: Hardy G. (Light Horse) Lee, Jr.
1987: J. Mark Cramford

Rat 4; Cadre Cpl. 3; MSGT. 2; Rat Training 1; First Lt. (For a Day); Rat Btln. Staff; RDC Acad. Sec.; Closet Hazer 3, 2, 1; Trow Committee 2.



Lee Keith Samuelson, Jr.

"Sam(my), Moose, Pinky"
Roanoke, Virginia
Electrical Engineering — Army, Engineers

Dear Brother Rats,

It has been a long four years and a lot of things have happened. I will always remember the good times and laugh about the hard times.

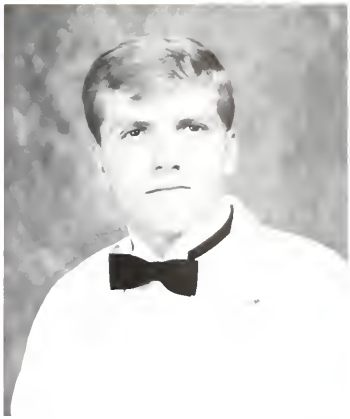
Our lives have just begun. When we leave here it is up to us to become leaders in all areas of our society. It is a large responsibility, but I am certain that the VMI Class of 1984 will leave its mark on the world.

I will never forget all my crazy roommates, "The Mole," Mark, Zane, Ralph, and especially Glenn and Robbie. Good Luck to our dykes Todd, Stewart, Mike, Ricky and Lap The. Keep up the tradition and honor of your dykes.

I am still amazed when I realize how much I have changed, and how much I have learned, in four years. What I have learned here will help me throughout the rest of my life. Most importantly I will remember "HONOR ABOVE ALL ELSE."

DYKES 1981: Geoff Hinshelwood
1987: Lap The Chau, Ricky Cruze

Football 4; Baseball 4; Rugby 3, 2; Cpl. 3; IEEE 4, 3, 2, 1; Eta Kappa Nu 2, 1; Vice President 1.



James Joseph Scanlon, III

"Skunyon, J.J. Exit 3"
Deptford, New Jersey
Electrical Engineering — Air Force

"Hey mom and dad, I made it!" I want to thank you both and my family for standing by me and helping me make it. I couldn't have done it without any of you. I can remember back to that first Saturday call. God it seems like yesterday. I love you all dearly.

To all my friends back home, you are the best friends a person could ever want or have. You have given me many good times and I thank you all.

To my roommates, what can I say, "we've done it." I'll never forget any of you. Best of all, to the girl I love dearly, my Lisa Ann. You have made my life so happy. I could never make it without you near me. No matter whatever happens in the future, I will love you always! You mean everything to me Lisa. Thanks for being just "you." Always remember our promise.

DYKES 1981: Wayne "Suggs Bunny" Suggs
1987: Chris Steans, Mark Johnson

Corps, Mst. Sgt., Reg S-3 Sgt., Bat. Commander; Honor Court 1; Dean's List 3, 2, 1; Eta Kappa Nu 2, 1; Ac. Dist. 2; IEEE 1; Marine Corps Marathon 3; KTSCB 3, 2, 1.

William Edward Seaver

"Bill"
Annandale, Virginia
Economics — Army

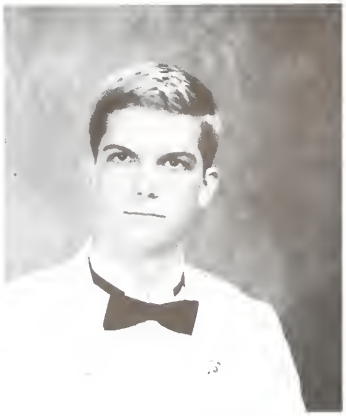
Whether as a discouraged Rat, stract first corporal, serious color sergeant, or carefree PFC, Bill Seaver has played his role with style and grace. Militarily impeccable, physically powerful, and intellectually gifted, Bill emerges as the embodiment of the VMI man. However, those who know Bill realize that beneath that quiet, Nazi exterior lies a truly sensitive, genuinely considerate personality. During our three years as cellmates at the Institute, Bill has inspired me with his insight, encouraged me with his sincerity, and cheered me with his humor. All I can say further, is that I love Bill as a brother and will always remember his friendship. R.H.P.

I would like to express my gratitude to my parents for their love and support during this period without their devotion, this path would have been much more difficult.

W.E.S.

DYKES 1981: Jere Harris
1987: Mark Corrice

Rat 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt/Color Sgt. 2; Pvt. 1; Cadre 3, 2; Dean's List 2; VMI Firefighters 1; Rat Training Cpl. 3; Number One Club 4; S-5 Tour Guide 1.



Thomas Henry Selman III

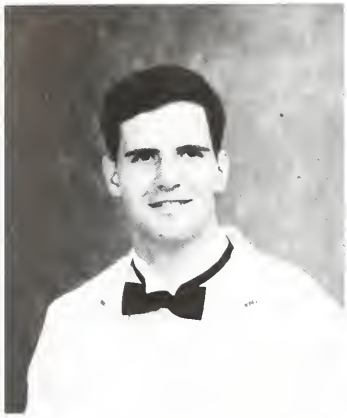
"Hank, Cruiser, Precious"
Rome, Ga.
History — Marine Corps

Upon arrival from (Georgia that is), Hank was astonished to find that there were no buff contests so he organized his own. Third class year, the lucky club was forged and out of the rubble arose only one ranker Hank's talent of being in the right place at the right time and knowing who to buddy up to gained him much recognition within the corps. Never the less Hank has not been afraid of making a fool of himself — be it sending B-day cards, dance contests or acrial acrobatics at Baldwin. Hank was never shy. Where ever there is a camera you'll find Hank in front of it. Hank brought us hawg hunts, shoo, and cloudy day. Without Hank, life at the "I" would have been boring. Thank Cruiser, Shoo.

I would just like to thank all of those who have made the past four years the best of my life. Thanks mom and dad for your loyal support. Thanks to the boys in 11, 05, Chopper, and my roommates. Without them I really don't know if I would have made it.

DYKES 1981: Andy Kolesar
1987: John "C.W." Poast

Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; 1st Btl. S-5 1; Kar-Klub Pres. 2, 1; Lucky 7 Club 3, 2, 1; S-5 Staff 2, 1; Utterly Mind Roasted 2, 1; Crimson Tide Fan Club 4, 3, 2, 1.



John Robert Shannon

"Herman, B.D., Holmes"
Roanoke, Virginia
Chemistry — Army, Infantry

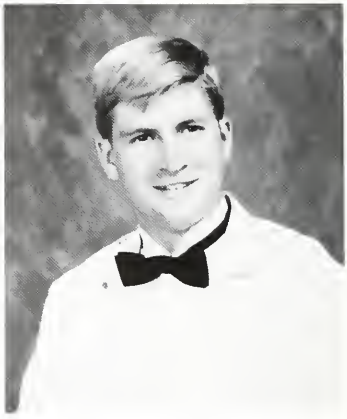
Four short years ago, I met John. While I was befuddled and nervous, he calmly went through Cadre and the Rat line as if he had done it all before. I thought he had gone to a military high school. While he had not, his efficient ways and work habits were a reflection of a person who was a cut above the rest of us. Our personalities seemed contradictory, but we have been close friends. To say I feel lucky to know him would be an understatement. While John's achievements in sports, the classroom, and in military areas command the utmost respect, his generosity, calm demeanor deserve just as much pride. He is, in short, an incredible person, who will make the institute proud.

John, you and I are the only two left who drank water out of that tennis ball can that night. I hope we can do it again some time. F.R.K. '84.

Thanks for all your support Mom and Dad. I would have left long ago without it.

DYKES 1981: Howard Conduff
1987: Neal "Snuffy Smith" Naff

Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Track 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; St. 2; Cpt. 1; Phi Kappa Phi 2, 1; ACS 3, 2, 1; McCarthy Club 4, 3, 2, 1.



James Harrell Shoemaker Jr.

"Bullet Head"
Hampton, Virginia
Economics . Navy

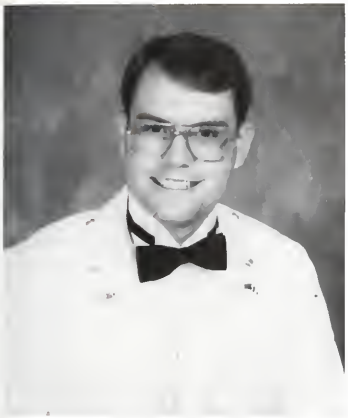
What can I say to sum up four years of fun, hell, frustration, failure, accomplishment, sadness, and total transition? I guess I'll start by thanking four of the best friends I have ever had, Alec, Bruce, Mark, and Frank, ya'll made it bearable. To all my other close B.R,'s, thanks for everything.

Mom and Dad, I Don't quite know what to say or how to explain it, you didn't push me to come to VMI, yet you are the only reason I stayed. I hope you are as proud of my graduation from the institute as I am, because you deserve to be. I will never be able to repay you, but I will always love you both very much.

Amy I've always been very proud of you; good luck and have fun at Virginia. Kurt, hang in there and enjoy it. It goes by much too fast.

DYKES 1981: John Bigger
1987: Kurt Vogan

1st Class Pvt.; Faculty Awards Comm. 2, 1; Hop & Floor Comm. 4, 3, 2, 1, President 1; Bomb Ad. Mgr. 1; Rat Co. X.O. 1; Rat Training Cadre 1; Mu Beta; S.C.S.C.



Henry Beryl Simpson

"Sarge," "Torch," "PW #4"
White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia
Electrical Engineering — Army, Armor

When Henry moved into "Club 24" this year, he didn't waste any time finding a solution for the many problems here at VMI. His solution was simple, just drive a tank over it or through his office. This crazy West Virginian quickly realized that he was outnumbered by three PW's and was positive he could hold his own. However, Tim and Vicky had other plans for his state of celibacy. *RGM*

Don't worry about anything Henry, Vicky and I always knew that you would like the good life. Hope everything works out the way you want. Good Luck. *TAL*

After 2 years of standing SNI alone, it was finally nice to have someone to talk to. Good luck, Henry. *GKM*

Thanks for giving me all of your support and love, Mom and Granny. I'll never be able to repay you for all you've done, and for being there. *Your Son*

Pvt. 4, 1; Sgt. 2; Cpl. 3; Cadre 3, 2; Tanker Platoon 1; IEEE 1; West Virginia Club 1; Cadet Battery 1; Eta Kappa Nu; AUSA; S-5 Staff.

Kyle Scott Sinisi

"Rocko"
Wethersfield, Connecticut
History — Army

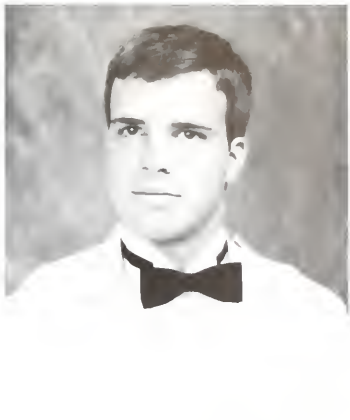
When Kyle asked me to write this part of his class history I said yes without a second thought, but now after starting over for the seventh time, I know how important this is to me, and yet, 100 words is too little to say how you have been the "glue" that holds Room 120 together. Therefore, the most important thing I have to say is how you have always been there when all of us needed your advice, or a letter that arrives before Ranger School when all I could think about was "what have I done?!" I must say thanks for your friendship and encouragement. — M.A.D.

Right about now, it would be easy to summarize a Cadetship with plenty of cliches and profound statements, yet, how can they really express four years of my life. Quite simply then, let me thank my friends, roommates, and parents, who above all else, made VMI worth the stay.

K.S.S.

DYKES 1981: R. J. Commerford
1987: Bill Trammell

Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Academ. Dist. 2; RDC Member; S-5 Tour Guide 4, 3, 2; DMS/DMG; Pvt 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Triad Defamation Society 4, 3, 2, 1.



John Taylor Smallwood

"Vince, J.T., Tay"
Burke, Virginia
Math — Air Force

It's been an extremely long and hard climb to becoming First Classmen, but I think it is safe to say that it has been worth the effort. We have laughed, signed checks, partied, and been depressed here at VMI . . . and it's all about to become just a bunch of memories. You have given me a lot of memories about my college years that I will never forget. Thursday nights were great. Dave R., Pete, You, and me watching Magnum, Simom & Simon, and the main feature . . . Hill Street Blues. God what nights those were. After you get out of here try not to watch so much T.V. There are more important things to do! Parties! Take care Taylor, don't be a stranger . . . ever! Good Luck in your future. — JCV. Thanks Greg, Wayne, Pete, Joe, Steve, but most of all Craig, Charlie, and George for all your advice and knowledge. Jane and Dad, thanks for all the love, support, and understanding over the past 4 years. I know that they were as tough for you as they were for me. Back to school — teaching!!

DYKES 1981: Jerry Manley
1987: Denis Kiely, Malon Snowden

Wrestling 4; Athletic Trainer 4, 3, 2, 1; Posit Comm. 3, 2; Athletic Council 2, 1; Virgin Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1.

Reginald Orlando Smith

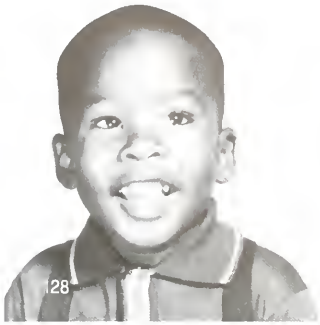
"Reggie, Chink"
Hampton, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Air Force

How time does fly! It seems as though it was just yesterday that we stood rigidly at parade rest during formation as the voices of our cadre echoed off the bricks of barracks and we watched the sun retire signaling the close of another day. Well, the sun has retired many times since those days of yesteryear. But, with each sunset came the prospect of being closer to becoming a man. Brother Rats, I am proud to say we have made it . . . together. May all your sunsets find you with a sound state of mind and content with life.

Mom, Dad, Cav, and Faith, thank you for your love, encouragement, and support. I love you all more than I could possibly say with words. I made it Squash. Trent, hang in there buddy you're closer than you think. — Reggie

DYKES 1981: David Edward Washington
1987: Trent Bridges

Honor Court 1; ASCE Student Chapter 3, 2, 1; Asst. Editor ASCE Student Chap. Annual Report 1; Promaji Club 4, 3, 2, 1 — Sec. Treas. 3, Vice Pres. 2; Football 4, 3, 2, 1.



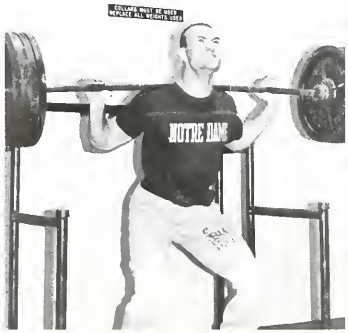
Robert Blair Smolar

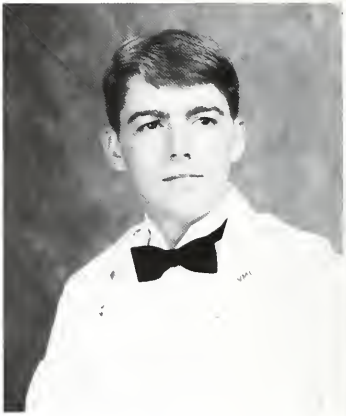
"Shmo"
East Chicago, Indiana
Civil Engineering — Army

Lord
make me an instrument of your peace
where there is hatred let me sow
love
where there is injury
pardon
where there is doubt
faith
where there is despair
hope
where there is darkness
light
and where there is sadness,
joy

O divine master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

— Saint Francis of Assisi





Eric Nicolas Sorrells

"Erk, Father Sorrells"
Heidelberg, West Germany
Civil Engineering — Navy

Mere words would never describe the events we have experienced over the past four years. All of us have struggled to obtain those goals which we have set for ourselves. Some of us have succeeded in accomplishing our goals, others have not. All of us will receive a graduation bible; with it we can find the success we desire . . .

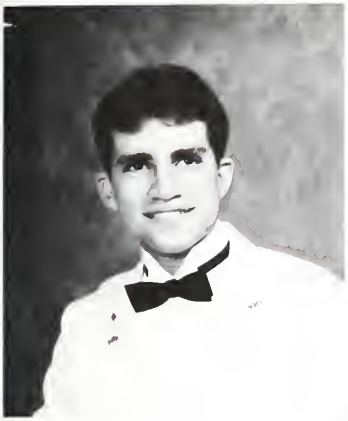
> "This book of law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it, for then you will make your way prosperous and then you will have success." Joshua 1:8

Thank you Mom and Dad, roommates, BR's, and the Huntsville cookie factory.

> "For what thanks we can render God for in return for all the joy with which we rejoice before our God on your accord." 1 Thes. 3:9

DYKES 1981: Doug Blowe
1987: D. T. Wood

Pvt. 1, 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Posit Committee 2, 1; Navigators 3, 2, 1; Rifle Team 4; Palmer House Committee 3, 2, 1; Chelsa Cat Attack Club 4, 3, 2, 1.



Mark E. Sossi

"Damn Yankee, Wop, Soss"
New Windsor, New York
English — Army Corps of Engineers

Mark didn't know what was in store for him when he left his beloved "New Yawk" to sample some of our good o'l southern hospitality. The Institute didn't know what was in store for it either. Somehow between girls, parties and road trips he's managed to find time to meet the English Departments requirements for graduation. How he has gotten this far is a minor miracle between giving the RDC president ExLax brownies and snaching a copy of our breakout permit a week before the event. Soss, you don't need me to wish you luck. With your attitude you will succeed at anything you do. — KAB. Not all life at VMI is this lighthearted but sometimes it comes as a relief to remember the good times. To my friends; No matter how far from the Institute I go, I will always remember our brotherhood and the things we developed together such as loyalty and honor, which can be taught from no mere book. To my family; you should know that my thanks can never be great enough for all you've done.

DYKES 1981: Bill Stamm
1987: Brad Maak

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; President International Relations Club 2, 1; Rat Training Cadre 1; RFYL 2, 1; Karate Club 3; Pre Law 1; Circle K 1; International Studies "VMI Minor" 2, 1.

Roland Charles Staiano

"Ro-Ro, Station 100, Dnalor Onaiats"
Lake Ronkonkoma, Long Island, New York
Civil Engineering — Air Force, Pilot

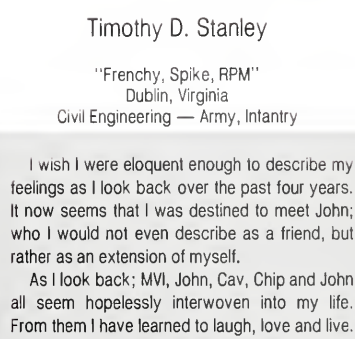
How do you say it all in so few lines? I still wonder why I came to VMI. I guess I just had to be different and make things more difficult for myself. The years that seemed to have no end have gone by so quickly. I'll never forget the rat line, all-nighters, lousey food, always being tired, mid-night awakenings, Bill, losing Danny, Jim and Stan, inspections and parades, P.T., and countless other things.

"I shall be telling this with a sigh somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."

Take care John, Kevin, Chris, Mark, Curtis, Charlie, Alex, Michael, Craig, Bob, and Bob, and the class of 1984. I would like to thank my dad and mom, Tina, Gramps, Margverite, Franfie, Arianna, Stephan, and the Melitz family, Doc Monsour, Roger, and Connie for their constant support.

DYKES 1981: Bill "Greek" Argiriou
1987: Bob Eckhoff, Bob Phillips

Color Sgt. 2; Sgt. 2; 1st Lt. 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; S-5 Staff 2; C Co. Rep. of Formal Ceremonies Ring Figure 1984; Chronic Complainer and Pessimest 4, 3, 2, 1.



Timothy D. Stanley

"Frenchy, Spike, RPM"
Dublin, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army, Intantry

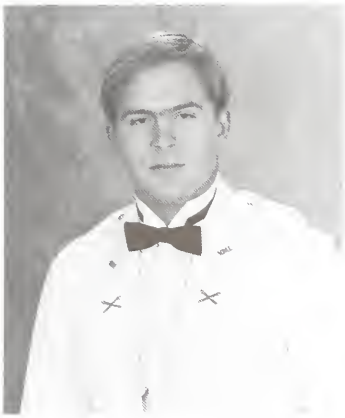
I wish I were eloquent enough to describe my feelings as I look back over the past four years. It now seems that I was destined to meet John; who I would not even describe as a friend, but rather as an extension of myself.

As I look back; MVI, John, Cav, Chip and John all seem hopelessly interwoven into my life. From them I have learned to laugh, love and live. For this I am forever indebted. But also as I look back I cannot help but see what came before. Whatever I am or become, or whatever good that I may accomplish, I consider it to be a tribute to my mother and father and my family.

I hope I have made you proud.

DYKES 1981: Bob Underwood
1987: Jason Shepherd

Academically Distinguished 4, 3, 2, 1; Honor Court 2, Prosecuter 1; ASCE 4, 3, Sec. 2, V.P. 1; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Cpt. 1; Phi Kappa Phi 2, 1; Airborne Ranger (OORAH).



Thornton McKinnon Stephens

Mobile, Alabama
Biology — Army, Armor

First, I would like to thank my parents for their continued support and love. I only wish that my mother would have been able to see me graduate. Secondly, I would like to thank the friends that I have made here. Mays, you and I have howled together more than once. I will miss you all. For the sppoks and narcs, in the words of Robert Hunter "they just won't let you be." Since I can say only good here, all I can say is: Chuck, don't call me, I'll call you.

"Abandon every hope, ye that enter." Dante

"Those who speak do not know; those who know do not speak." Laotzu

"You don't understand us, don't reprimand us" police

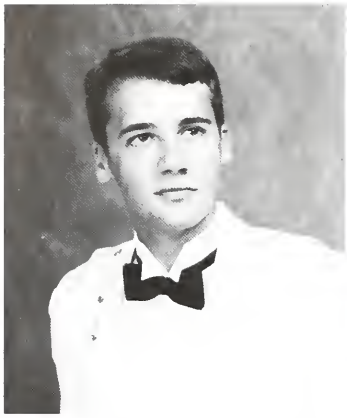
"It's better to burn out than to fade away." Neil Young

"Don't lend your hand to raise no flag, a top no ship of fools . . . I cannot share your laugh for, ship of fools" Grateful Dead

"I turned 21 in prison doing life without parole" Merle Haggard

DYKES 1981: Edward L. Oast III
1987: Chris "Mongo" Stathis

Football 4, 3; Soccer Mgr. 2, 1; CRC 3, 2; Pres. 1; Lab Asst. 1; Promaji 2; Beta Theta Phi 4, 3, 2, 1; Phi Delta Theta 4, 3, 2, 1; Sir Edmund Hillary Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's 4, 3.



David Raymond Stevenson

"Stevie, Diamond Man, Dick Ranker"
Annandale, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Navy

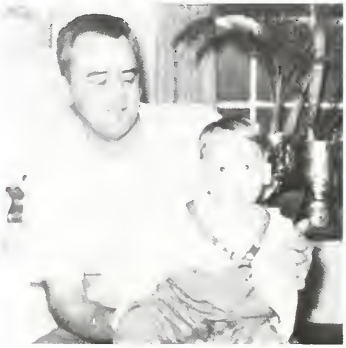
I cannot say that I have enjoyed my four years here, but much of the blame for this I place on myself — I could have gone to UVa. When tired and discouraged (and I always am at VMI) I have felt the military training poor, academics deficient, the corps lacking in maturity and the administration's dictatorial. I'm less of a gentleman now than when I first matriculated, then I never chewed tobacco or listened to country music. But I'm going to be an officer in the U.S. Navy which was my main goal.

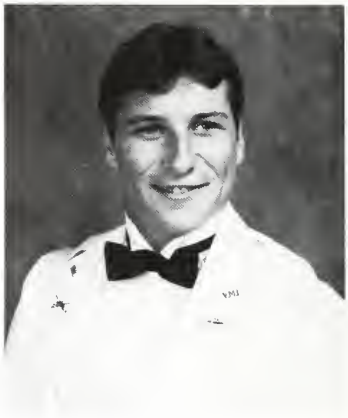
My company commander, when I was a Rat (without radio, ring, or hope), said, "You can't see the picture when you're still inside the frame." Perhaps this is true and the "VMI experience" will be more enjoyable to look back upon than it was to experience.

Thanks Mom for all of your love and support. Anchors Away.

DYKES 1981: John "Dildo" Dittilo
1987: Reynolds "Wrap" Renshaw

Cpl. 3, 1st Sgt 2, Bravo Co. Comndr. 1; Pre-Med Society 4; Dean's List 4; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Navy Scholarship 3, 2, 1; Navy ROTC Award of Merit 4; EIT Comm. Co-Chairman.





Robert Ivory Sturgill

"Sturge"
Leesburg, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army, Armor

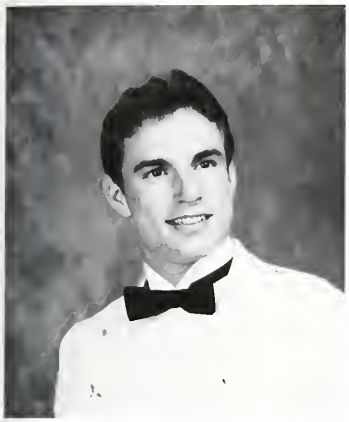
How heavy do I journey on the way, When what I seek (my weary travel's end) Doth teach that ease and that repose to say, "Thus far the miles are measur'd from thy friend." The beast that bears me, tired with my woe, Plods (dully) on, to bear that weight in me, As if by some instinct the wretch did know His rider lov'd not speed, being made from thee. The bloody spur cannot provoke him on, That sometimes anger thrusts into his hide, Which heavily he answers with a groan, More sharp to me than spurring to his side, For that same groan doth put this in my mind:

My grief lies onward and my joy behind.
— Shakespeare

Roommates, friends, boys in 2-121, Mom and Dad; Thanks, I would have been lost without you.

DYKES 1981: Mac Spears
1987: Tom Chipego

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Patchin All-American; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's Other List 2, 1.



Donald Keith Suggs

Alexandria, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Air Force

I can't say I haven't enjoyed my VMI "experience" at all. During the past 4 years, I have had some of the best times of my life. I have also had some of what I thought were the worst. However, in retrospect these bad times seem to have lost their importance.

Thank you Mom and Dad, Wayne, and Jennifer for all your support. I doubt if I could ever come close to repaying you. Thanks, Ken and Mark, for all you've done I couldn't ask for better roommates. I will miss you.

Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Rifle Team 4, 3, 2, (Capt.) 1.

Michael Sean Sullivan

"Mike, Sully"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics — Air Force

Looking back, I'm not really sure why I came to VMI. I'm glad it's over now and even though I can't honestly say that I enjoyed it here, there were some good times to remember and some valuable lessons learned that I'll never forget.

I owe a lot to many people for theirhelp while I was here. I'd like to thank my dyke, Jeff, and his roommates for helping to make my first year at VMI just a little bit easier. I'd also like to thank my parents for all their support, their Sunday visits, and for keeping my food box full.

Bruce, only three years left, work hard! Reggie, Gene, and even you, David — Good Luck!

DYKES 1981: Jeff Gill
1987: Bruce Bones

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 3, 2, 1; Academically Distinguished 2; Scholarships: Air Force 2, 1; Economics 2; Who's Who; Ski Club 3, 2, 1; Bomb Staff 1; Library Asst. 3, 2, 1; Head Cadet.

Stephen Michael Sullivan

"Sully"
Sommerville, Massachusetts
History . Marine

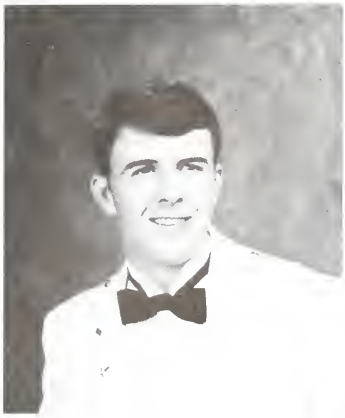
A summary? Impossible! VMI has been many of my very best and very worst times. All in all most of the Institute was not what I had hoped for, however, the friendships are endless. The best thing I have received is seeing that there are people who will help. For this . . . I only wish that I can offer something to those around. Yes, I truely believe that the R.D.C. serves an important aspect of the VMI education even if the vehicle is uniquely rough. If I have helped one person . . . then I'll have done what I came to do. I hope everything goes O.K. — I really didn't want to be a city kid anymore. I'll always owe all of you — Thanks.

Out of the darkness
And into the light
Still in my memory
But just out of sight.

B.D.

DYKES 1981: Brian McCue
1987: Dean Barr, The Class of 1987

RDC President; Boxing Team 4, 3, 2, (Capt.) 1; Rat 4; Cadre Cpl. 3; Cadre Sgt. 2; Ring Figure Magazine; Drug & Alcohol Comm. 3, 2; Cadet Battery 4; Hon. Men. Sigma Phi Epsilon.



Kevin Clifton Taliaferro

"Little Booger, Booger, Boog"
Churchville, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Air Force

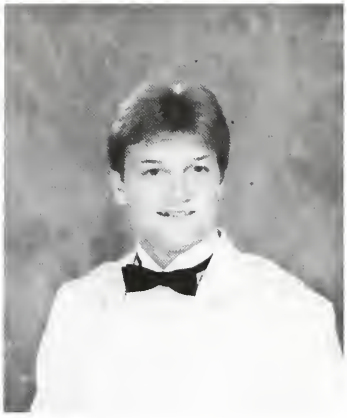
It has been four years since August 20, 1980 and as I look back, it almost scares me to think the years have gone by so quickly. As I recall so many of the events that have taken place since matriculation, I cannot imagine how so much could be accomplished in such a short time. Life at VMI has been full of emotional highs and lows. The friends I've made at VMI will never be forgotten, no matter how many miles separate us. All of you have a special place in my heart.

As for you Mom and Dad, I owe it all to you. You laughed with me when times were good and held my hand and kept me going when times were rough. I love you so very much. Leslie, thanks for putting up with me these past two years. Life has been much more pleasant around here because of you. I love you. God bless all.

Love, Kevin

DYKES 1981: Butch "Steve Hogg" Hostetter
1987: David "Smitty" Smith

Private; Corporal; Sergeant; Lieutenant; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1.



Paul Richard Tate

"Taternead, Gonja, F#$%@! "Tate"
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Chemistry — Army, Infantry

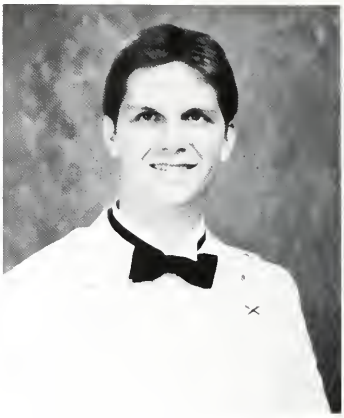
The Institute has shown me how to appreciate thing others take for granted. Now I am confident that I can enter the world prepared to tackle adversity with all the tools that VMI has encouraged me to develop: Perseverance, responsibility, and the dignity of honor. Let's go ya'll, I want to experience what being on your own is all about.

To all the mutants who have enticed me into immoral, bodacious acts of deviation; let's do it some more. I will always have a stool saved for you at my bar; just bring the spirits (a 2nd Lt. doesn't make very much).

The golden shako award for patience goes to my pair of rents. They logged a 320 mile drive 5 times a year to see my futile attempt to be a football hero each Saturday. Words can't express how my parents and I have grown together over the years. I'll cherish them forever. — PRT '84

DYKES 1981: Big Burly Gordy Ivascu
1987: Dennis Roller, Scott Ludmer

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Miriello's Mutant 1; ACS Public Relations Officer 1; Dean's List 2; Promaji Club (Devoted Brother) 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1.



David Wesley Thompson

"Osmodius, Goon, Sir"
Fairfax, Virginia
English, Modern Language

Dave and I first met in Col. Davis's English History class Rat year. The fact that Norman the Conqueror drove the Romans out of England just didn't seem interesting to either of us. We knew then that we had much in common, and we were friends thereafter. We have since spent many nights carousing the town and seeing that one another got his share of confinement.

My best friend Dave is probably the most sensitive and selfless individual at VMI, and has a spontaneous wit unlike any I've ever seen. Also a hell of a left hook. Good luck and thanks for being a friend.

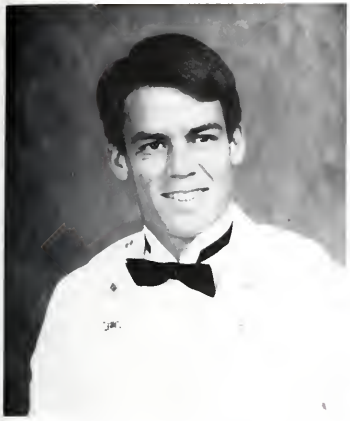
MAH '84

Mark and Bill — We've faced hell together. We've also had good times together — the best of my life. Thank you.

Thank you Mama and Papa, for your love and support. It must often have seemed to go unappreciated, but I'll always be grateful.

DYKES 1981: John Lamond '77
1987: Seoung "Bubble" Yum

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet — Copy Editor 2; Humor Editor 1; Dean's List 2, 1; Gaulist Society Treas. 2, Pres. 1; VMI Debate 2, 1; No. "1" Club 3; 300 Club; VMI Alcoholics.



Edwin Alexander Thompson, Jr.

"Alex, Frank, Box"
Barton, Florida
History — Army, Field Artillery

One aspect of life which I feel VMI has not prepared us for in our future endeavors is the transition we inevitably must face in shedding the girdle that has supported our every action here. While society demands that every adult make his own decisions, we at VMI have yet to face that problem . . . VMI has always done this for us. I sincerely hope that my friends and classmates can overcome this one obstacle successfully, and adjust to this new world to which we will soon be exposed. Dave, Mark, Jamie, Bruce, and Frank — hey, what can I say. It's been great and I'll miss you all a hell of a lot, good luck. IZOD, the VMI faculty, the Navy, Orr's, and High's Ice Cream respectfully, have a lot to look forward to. Thanks for everything Coach King, you're super. Thanks for the love and guidance Mom and Dad. Jeanne, we've done it. Aug. 20, 1980 to May 19, 1984 has almost come and gone and we're still together. May time never change our wonderful relationship.

DYKES 1981: Jeff Hamilton
1987: Kent Sparks

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Tennis Team 4, 3, 2, 1, Team Captain 2, 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Alcohol and Drug Comm. 2, 1; SCSC.

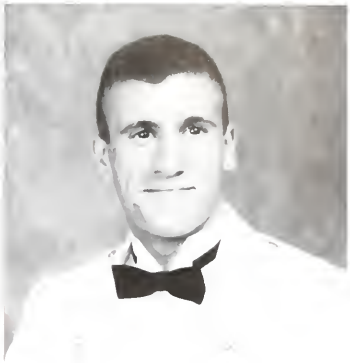
Frank Spruill Thompson

"Spruill's Boy, Sproodle"
Wilson, North Carolina
English — Army

The times were many that I would ask myself, "Why?" After four years I have concluded that the personal challenge is the driving factor which compels a VMI man to defend a system which renders his prime years almost unbearable. These good times would not have been possible without the unforgettable friends I have made here. My roommates, Sweet, D.K., and George have added a new dimension to cadet life; as have the guys in 112, 122, and 134. C-Bone, we have all missed you this year. Kim, you are a good friend and confidant. I want to thank my parents for their love, support, and money, but most of all for the respect and responsibilities they have given me. John, you have taught me to approach life with an open mind. You have kept me going when I wanted to quit and taught me to laugh when I wanted to cry. I will leave VMI with mixed emotions, yet the "I" has given me more than I will ever realize or be man enough to admit.

DYKES 1981: Garry Morgan
1987: Wilson Brown

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Soccer 4, 3, 2, Capt. 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Athletic Committee 1; Sports-Editor *VMI Cadet* 3, 2; Ski Club 2, 1.



Arthur Michael Tringali

"Jaw, Aft"
Commack, Long Island, New York
Civil Engineering/United States Marine Corps

To look back at the preceding years of my cadetship and attempt to summarize them within a few short lines seems quite inappropriate to the task, for within this paragraph I will not even be able to begin an unfolding of my experience at the VMI. An experience highlighted by both the best and the worst moments this institute has to offer, times of happiness and sadness alike, filled with both smiles and tears. An experience that has not been mine to endure alone. Brother Rats, I wish you the best of luck and fortune upon our departure from VMI.

My history would not be complete without a warm and special thanks to those who have made my stay here at VMI all the more understandable and perhaps a little easier. Mom, Dad, Wayne, Granma, Pop-Pop, Dawn, and Brice, thank you for your never ending support. My roommates too should not go unmentioned. Jeff, Kevin, Matt, Pete, and Stevie, I thank you.

Semper Fi,
A.M.T.

DYKES 1981: Dave Tomczak, Jacob Jaks
1987: Kevin Lennox, Manley Nelson

Rat 4; Cpl. 3; Master Sgt. 2; 1st Lt. and B. Co. XO 1; New Market Honor Guard 3; Ring Fig. Ring Sent. 3; Posit Comm. 3, 2; Boxing Club 2; USMC Detach. 3, 2, XO 1; Bomb Staff 1; SCSC.

Daniel Mark Troutman

"Dan"
Damascus, Maryland
Physics — Air Force

Entering VMI at age 16 was a big step in my life; however, graduation will prove to be an even bigger milestone. The lessons I learned as a Cadet will never be forgotten.

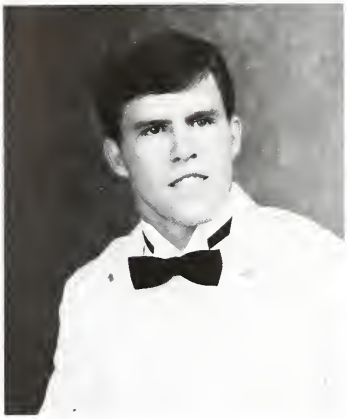
Thank you Dad, Mom, and David for the generous support you gave to me. I love you all.

Thank you Robert, Dan, and Rob — your views and arguments were not taken lightly.

Goodbye VMI.

DYKES 1981: Gregory Kwiatkowski
1987: Eugene J. Arnold, Jr.

Reg. S-5 Lt. 1; Reg S-5 Sgt. 2; Cpl. 3; Phi Kappa Phi Honor Soc. 2, Vice Pres. 1; Sigma Pi Sigma Honor Soc. 2, 1; SPS 4, 3, 2, 1; Honors List 4, 3; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1.



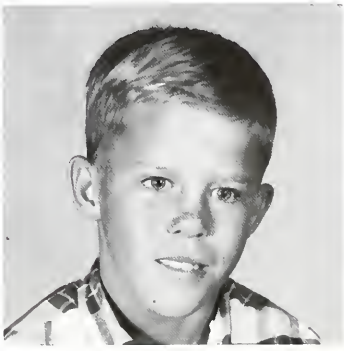
Robert Earl Turner

"Riddler"
Poquoson, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Air Force

The quintessential Robert Turner is anything but easy to put your finger on. I've watched him for four years and he still surprises me. "Robby red-neck": the tobbaccochewin', country music listenin', Economics major with academic stars, a profound sense of humor and an honest love for his fellow man. The Riddler has gone through a great deal of change over the past years, some things only his closest friends know about. I'm proud to announce that Robert survived this place and all that went on while he was here. That's because that's what he does best — survive. He has that strength about him that you don't see often; strength that comes of pride in family and belief in God. For the good times and the bad times, you were always there; and you'll never know how much Bill and I needed you to get through this place. From this place you have derived the determination you need to be something great, and I've got confidence in you. Good luck to you and Robin. GRWJr. '84

I would like to thank my Grandmother and my girlfriend for their support. R.E.T. '84

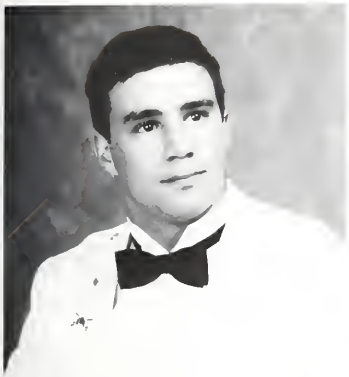
Football 4; Wrestling 4; Pvt. 4, Cpl. 3, Reg. Sgt. 2, Lt. 1; Flag Football 3, 2, 1; Tech Raiders 4, 3, 2; SCSC 2; FSCS 1; Sir Edmund Hillary Club 4, 3, 2, 1.



Jeffrey Clayton Vielock

"Ho-Chin, J.C., V"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Economics — Navy

I never thought that my First Class year would come, but it has. Taylor, Stevie, Pete, Kevin, Matt, and Artie — I love you all like brothers. The one thing that has kept us together at VMI is that we could laugh at almost anything. Please, let's keep in touch guys. Gee, Doug, Cappy, Pat, Steve, Jeff, Dan, and Carl — we've had some really good times, the memories will last forever. Mom and Dad — Thank you for never losing faith in me, and giving me a good swift kick in the rear every once in a while. I love you all very much and Thank you! Kim — Yours is a special thanks! You were always there when things were bad and you gave me that shoulder to lean on. You always knew what to say in those special times when something was wrong. You are and always will be the most special person in my life. The only way I can ever pay you back is with "time." Thanks for everything Kim, even those surprise midnight visits. I Love You!! — JCV



Lamar Holman Waters Jr.

"Hermie," "Herman," "Herm"
Batesville, Georgia
Civil Engineering-Army, Armor

Well, it's almost over. It has been said that you learn from the past. This to me is very true. Looking back over the years here and putting it all together you realize what it was all for, and that it what it was all worth. The things that you learn here and the friends that you make are irreplaceable. Things like this make it all worth while. I would like to thank family, friends, future family, and everyone that helped me and made it all possible for me.

DYKES 1981: Edward Earl Holland III
1987: Jimmy Mallis

Private 4, 3; Sgt. 2; Lieutenant 1; Football 4, 3; Rugby 3, 2, 1; SCSC 2; FCSC 1; Rm. 144-146-148 Social Club.

Peter Reuter Watling

"Pete, Festus"
McLean, Virginia
Economics-Army, Field Artillery

One side sees change as an opportunity to channel the enthusiasm of a raw and dangerous culture in a direction where energy is made safe and predictable. (That's VMI) The other is dealing with change as freedom to be experienced so as to understand one's true capabilities allowing a creative social situation to emerge. — The CLASH

I feel VMI cheated me out of what should have been some of the best years of my life. Many, many times I was very lonely and very bitter, and life shouldn't be that way.

I would like to thank my parents for their love and support throughout my years at VMI and my entire life. VMI was as much for you two as it was for myself. I would also like to thank my friends at VMI and other places. I probably would have gone insane without everybody's help and love.

DYKES 1981: Glenn R. Zaramba
1987: Kevin T. Prive

Swim Team 4, 3; Water Polo Club 3, 2, 1; Ring Figure Magazine Staff 2; Ski Club 2; Cadet Battery 1; Summer School '82, '83.

Alex Weinstein

"Tusk, Big Al"
United States
Civil Engineering-Air Force

It has been a long four years. A lot of things have happened since my high school days at Seabreeze High in Daytona Beach. Thank you to the state of Virginia and the USAF. And thanks to all of my relatives and friends. John and Mike save me a seat. Goodbye to Manic and Depresso-Man, I could have never gone through hell without you.

DYKES 1981: Richard Wagner
1987: Pete Stone

ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Air Force Scholarship 3; Airborne 2; Karate Club 3, 2; Arnold Air Society 3, 2; Bomb Photographer 1; RFYL 4, 1; Tusk's Rack Club, President 1; Apathy Club, Pres. 1.

Kurt Edward Weitz

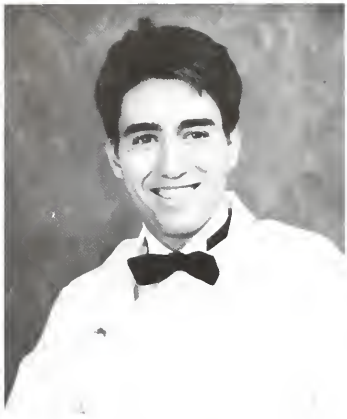
"Neo Nazi, Witz"
Findlay, Ohio
History — Army, Infantry

I first met Kurt on August 20, 1980 in a Greyhound Bus Station in Cincinnati. His hair was short so I naturally thought that he was a Marine on furlough. He must've thought I was a hippie. Kurt became my first and best friend at the Institute even though he is one of the hardest people in the world to live with. Kurt never gave a damn what other people thought — his sense of integrity (and occasional self-righteousness) always prevailed. He pissed a lot of people off; but those who took the time to know him, as I did, were impressed by his sensitivity, character, and strong loyalty to, and love of VMI. I've spent the last 3 years rebelling against the "WEITZ BLUE BOOK," but Kurt, don't you ever surrender the high principles which you've set for yourself — and others (like me) just naturally adopted. WRJ

Thanks Mom, Mimi and Gramps, the family and you too Judge Walker, I love you all. It's been a long, hard road . . . Why, Bill?

DYKES 1981: Scott Armstrong
1987: John Lightner

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; RDC 1; Ranger Platoon 4, 3; Glee Club 3, 4, 2; The Zoo 3; Thunderbird Lounge 2, 1; Chunk's Dining Club



Kenneth J. Werres

"Little Whootenz, Werres Dude"
Scottsville, Virginia
Economics — AROTC, Infantry

As Caesar stated when he crossed the Pubicon, I say now, "Veni, Vidi, Vici," I came, I saw, I conquered.

Thanks to Mom, Dad, Tim, Joey, Teddy, Sammy, John Lee, and Greg, Steve, and Jeff, Bindy, Chris, Ricky, Ron.

DYKES 1981: Karl H. Betz
1987: Mark Saunders

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; . Boxing 3, 1; Century Club 4; Shot Gun Club 1; Society of Young Economists 2, 1; Rm 146, 148, 144 Social Club.

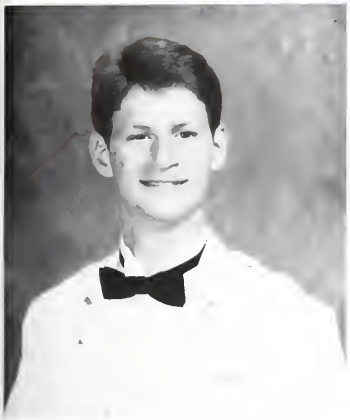
Conrad Kemper Wharton

"Beaner, Thumper"
Earlysville, Virginia
Economics — Army, Field Artillery

From the minute I walked into this strange world people have been trying to take away my identity. Every day I would ask myself why put myself through this *#!?. I based my decision on the premise that I needed self-discipline, and thought VMI was the place. Self-discipline, however, is a trait that must be acquired by the individual. Nevertheless, VMI has placed me in the right direction. Still, there are many things I will be happy to leave behind (illogical, ridiculous rules and regulations.) One thing that I will not leave behind is the fantastic group of friends. Those who made my stay that much more enjoyable and tolerable. In the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson, "He who is really of their class will not be called by their name, but will be his own man, and in his turn the founder of a sect." Lastly, thank you mom and dad for enduring this ordeal. I love you.

DYKES 1981: Mark "Train" Layne
1987: Bill Seely, Rick Heine

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Society of Young Economists 3, 2, 1; Investment Club 2; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1, Pres. 1; OGA 1; Football 4; Baseball 4, 3, 2, 1



Brice Landreau White

"Worm, Beaker, Neck"
United States Navy
Electrical Engineering — Navy Nuclear Power

Brice came to the Institute as ignorant as the rest of us. After three years as his roommate, I have seen him go through good times and bad, yet I must say he did make the "VMI experience" more livable. We have had a misfit room with Lee, and especially Doug. Nobody can understand how the most "college-like" room on the stoop made it with so few demerits. It's because we try harder. The parties we had were great fun, luckily we never got caught.

Brice, best of luck, may God bless you and your endeavors. — *M.J.K. '84*

I wish to leave VMI by saying two things. First a saying by a man who I have given my life to "I want officers who think for themselves and are not afraid to act quickly and decisively." Dad I love you, and will never let you down. B.L.W. '84

"Through prayer and the grace of God, you may be whatever you resolve to be."
General T. J. Jackson

DYKES 1981: Daniel "Peaches" S. Pere
1987: Thomas Gore "of The Jungle"

Reg 1st Pvt 4, 3, 2, 1; Dykeout Cpl 4, 3, 2, 1; TCFC 3; 'V' Club; TSTTCC; Pyro 349; 0200 Club 3, 2, 1; Tracy Boogy 4, 3, 2, 1; College Room 3, 2, 1, Nav 4, 2, 1; Dis. Cadet 4, 3, 2.

Daniel Claybrook White

"Boo-Boo, Eggplant, Wounded-Eye"
Axton, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army, Artillery

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my parents for their love and support which enabled me to survive the pitfalls of VMI life . . . life??

Thanks, and even though I never say it, I truly appreciate all the things you've done for me.

DYKES 1981: Nat (Spike) Tabbert
1987: The Phantom

RDC; Ft. Pickett Fan Club; Dean's Other List.

Jeffery C. White

"Godfrey, Dan"
Waterloo, New York
Physics — USMC

Now, for my 3rd edition of my class history. This time it shall be brief. All I want to say is all of the lessons learned here, the best one by far is learning to pick your chin up and keep your feet moving. Things may seem to stay bad forever, but they really don't.

My thank you's will have to be brief also; Ed, "Have fun," Al, "Catch ya later dude," and Dan, well, I guess it can't be printed. At any rate you know what I've said before so there's no sense in belaboring the point. To my family, I don't believe I can justly express myself, I love you all so much, Thanks.

DYKES 1981: James A. Hart
1987: Michael A. Jussila

Pvt 4, 2, 1, Cpl 3; OGA Pres. 1; CPB 4, 3, 2, Pres. 1; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Asst. 2, 1; Dean's Honor List 4, 3; Barracks Comm. 2, 1; Cadet Activities Comm. 4, 3, 2, 1.

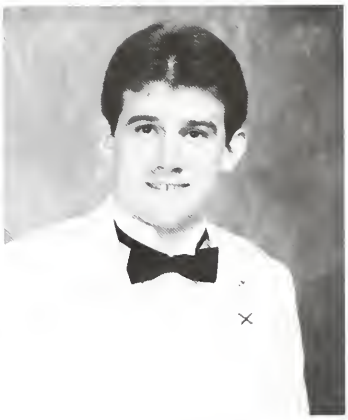
Robert Murrell Wilkison, Jr.

"Wilk (Thanks Tomas Ricardo?")
Dover, Delaware
Electrical Engineering — Air Force

Nothing I can say will shed new light on VMI but here is my version. I came here as naive as most entering "freshmen" and leave wondering why I ever came. Dan (my roommate for three years) and I, however, learned something about VMI not taught by VMI's so-called "three-legged stool — total man" concept and thus we may not have done as well as we could have in some areas but at least we can say that we received a "total" education. There are two good things that came out of my VMI "experience:" One, I earned a good book education, two, I met Lynn, my wife-to-be (June 9, 1984.) I thank her most for all the love and support she gave during trying times. As to whether I will ever return to VMI, the door will remain open, for maybe someday I too will have the same changed attitude that has caused many skeptical alumni to return waving their red, white and yellow.

DYKES 1981: George Anthony Depaoli, Jr.
1987: Michael Williamson

Wrestling 4; Rugby 2; IEEE 2, 1; Honors List 4; Dean's List 4, 3, 1; Virgin Pvt.; Cadet Asst. 2, 1; Eta Kappa Nu Honor Society 2, 1, Pres. 1; VMI PFT Stud 2, 1



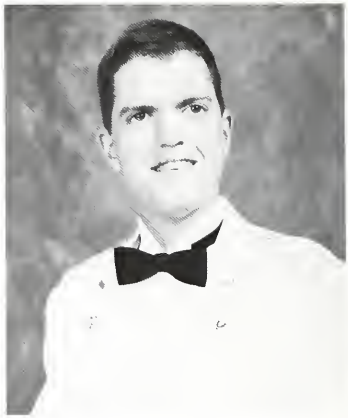
Berkley Scott Williams

"Monkey, Buck"
Radford, Virginia
Economics — Army, Field Artillery

Now that I look back, it has not been so bad thanks to my roommates Scott, Paul, Rob, and Kemper. We have been through a lot, sometimes too much, and without them I would not have made it. I would also like to thank the boys in rooms 101, 102, 111, 137, and 154. We had some great and trying times. Finally, I would like to thank my mother for trying to understand me.

DYKES 1981: Bill King
1987: Mark Current, Jay Nagel

Track 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Number 1 Club; Promaji Club 1; AUSA 4; Saturday Room Confinement Club 4, 3, 2, 1; All Pro Club 2



Jon Hugh Andrew Williams

"Jonno, Jonny-Oh!"
Annandale, Virginia
History — Marine Corps

Little did I know four years ago, when I first met Jon on my S-5 tour of VMI, that we would become such close friends. Jonno is perhaps the most selfless individual I have ever encountered in my life. He has always been there when I needed a friend, and for that I could never thank him enough. Through thick and thin Jon has always been there to help me over the mountains of adversity VMI managed to throw our way, and somehow he smiled through it all! Jon keep pushing forward you've got a heck of a future ahead of you. Good luck.

— New Wave

Thanks Mom and Dad for your support and for being so patient. I love you. Thank you Gina, for being there when I needed you.

— JHAW

DYKES 1981: Mark Grubber
1987: Robin A. Kestner

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Marine Detachment 3, 2, 1; Cadet Battery

Charles Scott Wilson

"Llama"
Culpeper, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army

Since walking through Jackson Arch on that hot, August day in 1980, I have been asked the same question over and over, "Why VMI?" Now, after three demanding and eventful years, I feel I can honestly answer this question. VMI has not only provided me with the opportunity to earn a college degree, but has also shown me the true meaning of friendship, pride, responsibility, and most importantly, honor.

I would like to thank Jim, Henry, and Tom for four great years as roommates and friends who put up with my polar bear instincts. To all the Mugses, remember all the late nights of mischief, and I'll see you Alumni weekend. Curt, thanks for being a friend, and us "brothers" will get together at the next "family reunion." Mom, Dad, and Susan, I would not have made it without you. To VMI and the Corps — goodbye and good luck!!

DYKES 1981: Richard Commerford
1987: Steve (Muscle Head) Blinn

Pvt. 4, 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Color Guard 2; Class Treasurer 4, 3, 2, 1; Airborne 3; Rat Training Repelling Cadre 3, 2, 1; V.P. of I.R.C. 3; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Scuba Club 1; Southern Sem.

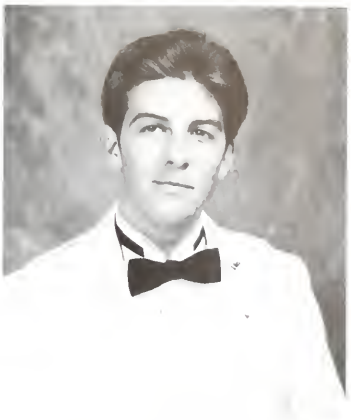
William Lee Wimbish, Jr.

"Wimpy, Mostly, Wimbly"
Richmond, Virginia
History — Army, Field Artillery

I really never thought I would last 4 years at VMI. I first must thank my Mom and Dad for all of their help and encouragement. Nell, Pop, Chris, Scott and Mary Reaves, Ya'll stuck with me through thick and thin. To Wirt and the boys in 148, I would never have made it 2 weeks without you. I owe Coach Freeman a special thanks. Sorry about all the extra gray hairs. It is impossible to thank everyone, but I'll always remember the little things everyone did. I was also lucky to have 4 great roommates. It didn't take much to amuse us in Rm. 111, Spades, T.V. and popcorn in the room, and an occasional after hours frat party. Hey: Jim let's hit the Superdance. Rufus, Fla. here we come. Bill, 50 kegs at Zollomans, Yeah, oh, you don't drink. Dave you madman, either skiing, Baldwin or RMWC — you desire! To Hondo: I need those football helmets, now! To the S.B.'s in 107: Yeah, What you said!

DYKES 1981: Wirt Shinault
1987: Scott Jackson

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Mu Beta Phi 2, 1; Kar Klub 1; Gold Coast Spades Club 3, 2, 1.



William Aubrey Wimmer III

"Bud, Spud, The Wim"
Glenn Dale, Maryland
Physics — Navy

VMI has taught me a great deal, and most of what I've learned has been outside of the classroom. Although there were times when I may have felt differently, I'm glad that I came here, for I have learned much about myself.

I am truly grateful for the friendships I have acquired here. Without them existence here would have been meaningless and unbearable. Hey Stak . . . PT's!!!

Mom and Dad, it has been your patience and perseverance that has enabled me to come as far as I have. I can never repay you for the time, love, and money you have invested in me. I thank you and love you both more than I can say.

"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"
Romans 8:31

DYKES 1981: Randy Cheek
1987: John Ficarro

Rat 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Pvt. 1; Cadet Battery 2, 1; BSU 4, 3, 2 (Pres.) 1; Cadet Lab Asst. 2, 1; Cadet Newspaper 4, 3; SPS 4, 3, 2 (V.P.) 1; 1st Class Editor — Bomb Staff; Young Repub. 4.

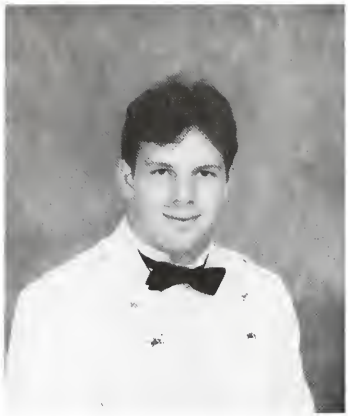
Rodney G. Winebrenner

"Rod, Evil, Roddy"
Hagerstown, Maryland
Civil Engineering — Army Corps of Engineers

What can be said about losing four years of your life? You're right, nothing! To the bravo wing of room 139, thanks. Sully and Killer-Fish (U.S. Marine and U.S. Spy), may both of you receive what you are looking for in life. Keep in touch and *take care!* Barry (from alpha wing), I hope the Navy gives you a chance at flying and good luck. Dave (civilian s.s.), I guess someone has to be a NoMiC (Non-Military Cadet); take it easy. Pete, true friend and BR, thank you for everything. I hope your roommates will forgive me for my constant interruptions. Finally, I'd like to thank my Mom and Dad. Mom, for without your great meals during weekends and furloughs my insides would not have made it and Dad, whose verbal and financial support kept me going. I love you both. My brother Brian, who gave me mailbox support, has to be mentioned also. Thanks Bro! — RGW '84
Goodbye VMI! F.I.

DYKES 1981: James Brown
1987: Glenn "Lurch" Ferguson

Rat; Pvt./Cpl./Pvt.; PFC.; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; Activities Editor 1984 *BOMB;* Rat Training 4, 1; U.S. Army Airborne School 1; AUSA 4; Pres. Receding Hairline Club.



Warren Lee Winning

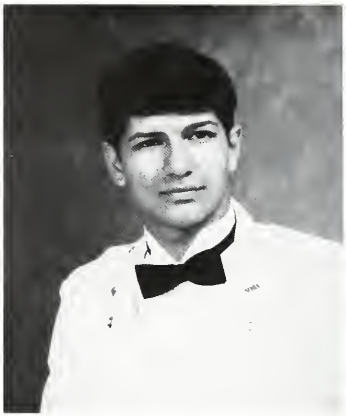
"Cuddles"
Annandale, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army, Armor

I entered VMI as a "big bad" high school graduate and was transformed into a rat. What a shock! Rat year was tough and I would have never made it through if it wasn't for my family, friends and of course the Five Reasons I would like to forget my third class year. Second class year was great with the PFC club and a wonderful Ring Figure weekend with Debbie one of the most beautiful people in the world. First class year brought on added responsibilities such as watching over two rats and graduating on time. Finally I'd like to thank again my family and girlfriend for their loving support through these unbearable years.

Also, Thanks and good luck goes to all my friends, roommates and class for all the road-trips, parties, and future. We made it!

DYKES 1981: John C. Williams, III
1987: Robert Burns, Dan Butler

Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; PFC Club; Football 4, 3, 2, 1; 265 Gawking Club; 165 Gawking and Talking Club; Five Reasons.



John William Wisniewski

"The Wiz, Wiz Kid"
Moscow, Pennsylvania
Electrical Engineering — Navy

Throughout my cadetship many people have helped me go through VMI, John has topped the list. He is by far the most helpful person I have ever met. Inevitably I would get into a jam and John would risk studies, number 1 and most important, sleep, to pull me out. Who will ever forget X-checks, The Stumpffer, The Skutt Zone, and the unforgetable day at UVA. Well John, VMI has come and gone and we made it, now comes the tough part. I would say goodbye to you but you will probably get me thru the Navy too. Wizkid, I will never forget you because I could not have made it without you. Let's Party! — BLW

Of all the memories that I will take away from this place, the ones I'll remember the longest will be of the people that I have met here. I will also remember the crazy things we did to break the monotony of VMI. Of course I could never had made it through without the help of my parents, relatives, and friends who have pushed and prodded me through VMI. — JWW

DYKES 1981: Rich Bartholemew
1987: Bill Berneski

Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Scuba Club 1; Unauthorized Vehicle Club 3, 2.

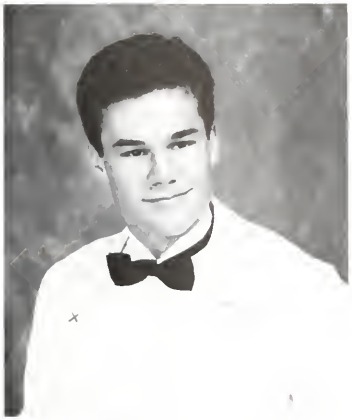
George Rogers Woltz, Jr.

"Bull, Penguin"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics — Air Force

I don't think that I feel or look a whole lot different today than I did on August 20, 1980. I'm sure that certain people would disagree; but my point is that what I take away from this place isn't material, and certainly isn't easy to define. It's not written on any parchment, found in any list, engraved on any plaque or statue or wall, you can't see it on my coatee, or read it in the expression on my face. But most of all, I could never write it in a hundred and fifty words, or in a hundred and fifty pages for that matter. I'm thankful for my four years because this place has given me direction and, perhaps a sense of accomplishment. I am most of all thankful for friends and family that made this place easier to deal with. To those who follow me, please take this advise: always have a sense of humor, be neither afraid to laugh at yourself or stand up for what you think is right.

DYKES 1981: R. C. "Clinker" Moss
1987: B. T. "Trip" Bowles

Pvt. 3, Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2, Reg S-1 1; Air Force Scholar; Dean's List 3; Society of Young Economists; Rat Training 2; Ski Club 2, 1; Hop and Floor Comm. 4, 3, Manager 2, Treas.



Stephen M. Woolwine

"Squid"
Valparaiso, Florida
Chemistry — Army, Field Artillery

In a few short months I will have climbed the final steps on the ladder to becoming a VMI man. The decision to climb this ladder was one I struggled with throughout High School. Should I follow the lineage to VMI, or should I press onward somewhere else? Thanks Dad for letting me make my own decision, I think it was the right one. I have attempted to make the most of my 4 year isolation here in Lexington, and I must admit it hasn't been all enjoyable. Although I feel I have been deprived of the "College Life," I also feel I have received objects greater in value such as pride, honor, and responsibility. Thanks Dad, Mom, Dave, Joel, and Joe. There is no support like family support, and Lord knows how much support I needed. I love you all. Dave, Carter, and Jeff what can I say? It has been an experience I'll always remember. Best wishes to you all. Goodbye VMI, hello life!

DYKES 1981: Jeff Davies
1987: Jon Freeman, Jon Sachrison

Corporal 3; 1st SGT 2; 1st Bn CO 1; Baseball 4; ACS; 4-yr. Army Scholarship; DMS; Dean's List; Ring Figure Rock Committee 2.

Karlen Richard Wyatt

"Ricky"
Hampton, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army, Corps of Engineers

After years of being at VMI I have made a number of friends. My roomies these last two years have been a real trip. Trying to remember only good things is definitely hard since every day at VMI seemed t have quite a few depressing situations. Now looking back I can see the high points of "Cadet Life" that definitely help to cancel out the bad parts.

Hey guys, it's been rough but it's almost over. Here is something to remember about life: GO FOR IT ALL TILL THEY AIN'T NONE TO BE GOT. BYE.

DYKES 1981: Bob Bobbitt
1987: "Sweet" Joe Massie

Wrestling 4, 3, 2, 1; Corporal 3.

Charles Jackson Yates IV

"Fish, Trout, Hick"
Crewe, Virginia
Economics — Army, Infantry

First I would like to thank those dearest to me: Mom, Dad, Murph, Buzz, Marcia, and Tommy for helping me to make it this far. VMI has been quite a learning experience for me. I truly look forward to using the qualities learned here in the future. Most importantly, leadership by example being firmly entrenched in my mind.

Rats — I learned much from you and sincerely hope you learned from me. Finally, this is the end of the beginning.

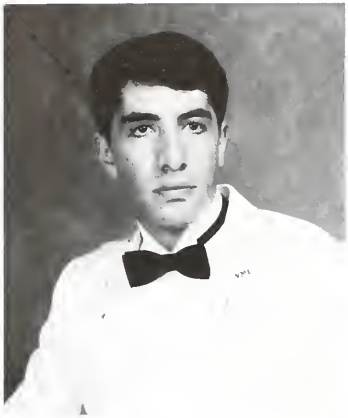
"The future's uncertain and the end is always near."

Jim Morrison of "The Doors."

C.J.Y.

DYKES 1981: Terry Murphy
1987: James Greenburg

Rat, 1st Cpl., Mst. Sgt., 1st Lt. (Rat Company Commander); RDC Vice President.



Juan Carlos Zamora

"Z-mon, Zambo, Maddog"
Vienna, Virginia
Economics/Modern Language — Navy

Has it really been four years, or is it just a dream and this place is not really over yet? It only seems like yesterday when I went through the concourse into the good old barracks. But I guess I cannot complain because here I have learned a lot, both academically and from the people who I have met.

My special love and thanks go to all the great people who got me through this place. Papi, Mami, Bill, Milj, and the Lofstroms, Bill, Doris, Granma, and the Hinseys, you made it a lot easier for me. Paul, we made it and we are still alive, good luck bud. Andy and the rest of the crowd, it's been real. Be good guys.

Meredith, thank you for being so beautiful and understanding. You made this whole thing a lot easier. Now it is time to forget VMI and start our life. I love you always and forever.

DYKES 1981: Chet D. Thompson
1987: Manuel Melendez, Michal Hooper

Rat 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; F-Co Commander 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadre 3, 2, 1; CDT 4, 3, 2, 1; Barracks Bomb Squad 3; Apple Blossom 2, 1(?), B.R.F. 1.

Christopher Howard Zendt

"Cubby, Cub"
Cumberland, Maryland
History — Army, Armor

When Cub, the self-proclaimed giant, all 5 foot 9 of him, moved from towering B Co. to squatish D Co., and saw his roommates he knew it was going to be a shh, shh, crazy year. Cub's rat year was highlighted by DJing in Crozet Hall, after losing his Rat Bible, and passing out after cutting his finger while adjusting his cross dykes with his trusty Swiss Army knife. It soon became obvious to all of us that Cub was not the mild tempered little fellow that Mary thought he was. Rooming with Cub Zendt, the tallest, fastest, most coordinated man in D Co. was a truly exciting experience that we will always cherish. Cub, we all know that you'll succeed in whatever you decide to do in life, whether it be a professional Army Officer or a real estate tycoon on the South Side. Good luck. — JNP, THS, CRB. Hank, Perk, Bubba, rooming with you has made it all worthwhile and bearable. Thanks also to the guys in 105, 111, and 184 you are the reason I kept coming back year after year. Mom, thanks, and my only regret is that Dad can't be here for graduation.

DYKES 1981: Bruce Thompson
1987: Clark Barnes, Tom Brooks

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; RDC; Cadet Waiter 2, 1; VMI CADET Distribution Manager; Kar Klub — Membership Director 2, 1; Lucky 7 Club 3, 2, 1; A Team 2, 1; Utterly Mind Roasted.

Vaughn Leon Maxwell, III

"Tex"
Augusta, Georgia
Civil Engineering — Army

"Who can deny, who can deny
It's not just a change in style.
One step's done and another's begun
And I wonder how many miles.
I spent a little time on the mountain,
Spent a little on the hill.
Things went down we don't understand
But I guess in time we will."
(Grateful Dead)

Four years in this hole would have never been worth it if it wasn't for all the friendships: Bob, Michael, Tom, Wilson, Hal, Clay, Matt, Spruill, Chuck, John, Doug, and the list goes on. Thanks for making it bearable. Mom, Dad, Belle, and Margaret thank you for all your support.

"Keep on dancin' thru to the daylight
Greet the morning air with song
No one's noticed,
But the band's all packed and gone.
Was it ever here at all?
But they kept dancin'." (Bob Weir)

DYKES 1981: Mike Colgan
1987: Randy Janey

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Tennis Team 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 1; "Partied with CPR III and Survived" Club.

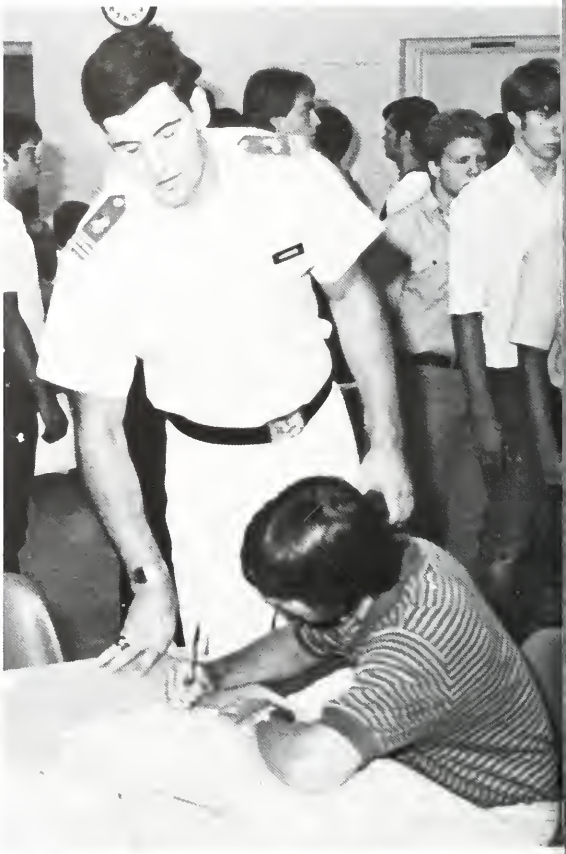
George Williamson Foresman

Lexington, Virginia
History

I liked it so I came, I fooled around so I left, I missed it so I returned . . .

Thanks to those people I love; Mom, Dad, and my VMI brothers: Henry, Lee, and Robert. Thanks to Craig, Taylor, my roommates, my dyke, Scott, and all of the boys from the training room along with two great girls: Susan and Fonda. To Mary, thanks for being loving, caring, and most of all supportive. Your Love has helped me make it.

Cadet Trainer 4, 3, 2, 1; Asst. Class Treas. 3; Third Class Party Chairman 3; Academic Sabbatical 2; Returned to the "I" 1.



Battalion XO, John Shannon, directs a matriculant during Rat inprocessing.

Working in the QMD during Cadre.

The RDC Staff marches to the Mess Hall led by President Steve Sullivan.

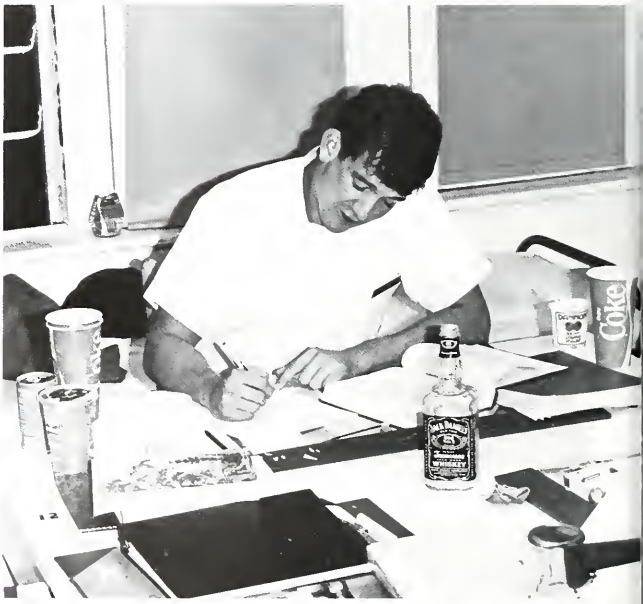
Matt Martin introduces himself to an unwary member of the matriculating mass during Cadre.

Meeting the Cadre "Welcoming Committee."

A sign of the times?

Chris Busse entertains post-CQ visitors.

Jasbo and Glenn on the Stoop.



Rupert Holmes hits the books.

Jeff Roach, Regimental S-5.

Lee Gooch and friends.

Andy Petretti helps Proto dyke out for his Shako Portrait.

Kurt Weitz. VMI's own "Soldier of Fortune," strikes one of his more awe-inspiring poses.

Mark Sossi takes time out from studying to relax with his guitar.

Chip Yates and roommates partake in pre-CQ activities.

Taking time out from their duties in the CADET office, Bill Hemingway and Brian Kroll relax in their room.

A constant abuser of Ma Bell's services, Jeff Perkins checks up on the activities on the home front.

The "Earth-Pig Mobile" ready to roll on another roadtrip.

Artie Tringali, casual on the stoop.

Tom Higginbotham queries his personal "menu."

Steve Sullivan, Joe McCormick, Jim Kenkel, and John Brown discuss barracks politics.

Jim Hoy, Battalion Madman, on the loose.

Carlos Zamora insures the integrity of this unfortunate Rat's strain.

The Class of 1985

This year was the beginning of the end for our class! The Class of 85 has become one of the two upperclasses and strives for graduation and the sheepskin. But before that goal can be reached next year we had many other events this year to keep us going. This year has seen many conflicts with the administration, and between ourselves, ranging from a group of our fellow matriculants to many fights over the Ratline. These have left our Class with much apprehension about next year when we are "supposed" to run Barracks. But there were many bright spots also, the biggest of which happened on November 11th when our Class received Rings. For many it was a very wild weekend and for others . . . you can not have your cake and eat it too (it is a once and a lifetime chance). Following Ring Figure came Finals which were made better as Christmas was close behind. Well we returned to the "I" with only three semesters to go but everyday moves us closer to that third stripe — then MOODY HALL look out.

WE ARE THE CLASS OF 1985! GAH KRH Jr.

Ring Figure 1985

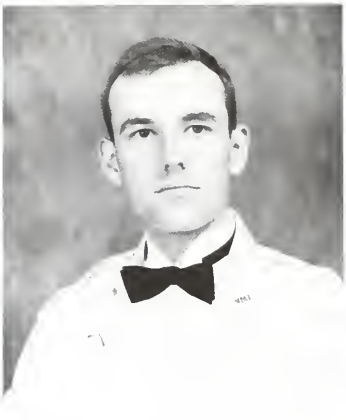
Editors:
Glenn Hoffman
and
Ken Hirlinger

Walter John Adelmann Jr.

"Jay, Jaybird, Rocky"
Wyomissing Park, Pennsylvania
Economics — Navy

It is so ironic to be able to still remember saying as a high school senior that there was no chance of EVER attending a military college. But after a year and a half at a "normal school" where did I end up? Now that I am here, I can honestly say that VMI has done everything for me that I wanted it to (and more). Through its countless unorthodox and constantly scorned methods of "instruction" it has changed facets of my life in which only now can I see the benefits. So much of my life here is owed to my roommates and friends, who helped me endure the Ratline, then those long months of confinement, then FINALLY some awesome roadtrips. To my parents and family I owe even more, for their constant love and support was needed mover than they will ever know. When I leave the "I" as an alumnus of '85', taking many friends and memories with me, I'll be able to say, "Yea, it was a good time, but is it ever GREAT to be OUTTA HERE!"

Baseball 3; Cpl. 3; Cadre 3; Sgt. 2; Ski Club 2, 1; Young Economics 1; Navigators 2, 1; Number One Club.



Alton Winfred Malbon Jr.

"The Mad Prussian, Baby Man"
Raleigh, North Carolina
History/Political Science — Army, Infantry

Well, is it that time already? Although I only spent three years at the "I" it seems like tour. But seriously? There are so many feelings and memories good and otherwise, that the "I" evokes that I cannot do them justice in this space or at this time, suffice it to say for now that it was quite an experience. I also wish to thank all of the people who helped to make the experience worthwhile: roommates, Brother Rats, professors, and others who played a part. Hey, Mom and Dad, I made it! Thanks for always being there and understanding.

— Love, Alton, Jr.

Eight nods as good as a wink to a blind bat . . . Nudge, Nudge, very witty! We wish you could come back for another but . . . and don't overreact. Bob, George (your 2nd classmates), Mike.

Bye, Bye BROTHER RAT!

DYKE 1982: Rick Wilson

Debate Team 4, 3, 2; President 2; Drama Club 4, 3, 2; International Relations Club 3, 2; Timmins Music Society 4, 3, 2; AUSA 3, 2; Dean's List 3; Academic Overload Club 3, 2.

Joseph Ellis Malone III

"The Breeze, Moses, Mugsy"
Dix Hills, New York
History — Navy

My 2 ½ years at VMI have been excellent. I can honestly say that I enjoyed myself most of the time. First I received my ring then three weeks later a VMI diploma. I would like to thank my mother and father for all the moral and financial support while at VMI. To all of my Brother Rats in the Class of '85, I hope to see you in two years as you walk across the stage. I hope I will be able to join you. Once again, thank you mom and dad, I love you both.

DYKES 1982: Curtiss Nichols
1987: Mike Milligan

Private 4, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Lacrosse 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat Training 1; NROTC Scholarship 3, 2, 1.

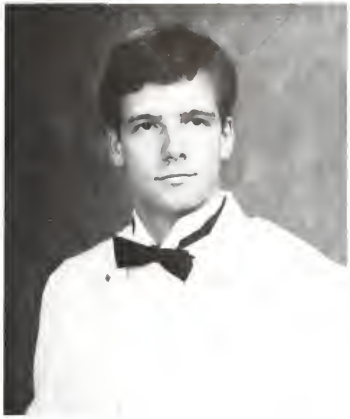
Robert Stribling Meares

"Strib"
Staunton, Virginia
History — Air Force

Well Strib, what can I say of you in so few words — maybe Go Cocks or Remember Zacks. From our first year with our dykes to our final year rooming together, you have weathered the storm rather well. Even though you are graduating this year, you will be with us in '85. For you left something with us that is more than just memories or experiences. Mr. and Mrs. Meares, you have a unique son whose qualities are most admirable. We will miss him in '85, but look forward to '85 football and Strib with his Playmate cooler. — WMS Well, after 3 years it's finally time to leave, but I would like to thank those who made it both possible and enjoyable. First my grandparents for both financial and moral support. Next, my family for their love and support and my roommates. Most importantly, thank God for guiding me safely through the "I". I would also like to wish my roommates and the Class of '85 the best luck in the years to come.

DYKE 1982: Eddie Kieth

Pvt. 3, 2, 1; Football 3, 2; Racquetball 2; Softball 2.



Robert Carter Neal

Richmond, Virginia
English — Army

Every leaf and twig has this morning covered with a sparkling ice armor; even the grasses in exposed fields were hung with innumerable diamond pendants, which jingled merrily when brushed by the foot of the traveler. It was literally the wreck of jewels and the crash of gems . . . Such is beauty ever — neither here nor there, now or then — neither in Rome nor in Athens, but wherever there is a soul to admire. If I do not find her at home, my search will prove a fruitless one.

Henry David Thoreau

Football 2, 1; Monogram Club 2, 1; Drug and Alcohol Committee 2, 1; Baseball 1.

Kelly Brian Raber

"U.M., Raberski, Kel"
Dover, Pennsylvania
Economics — Army, Field Artillery

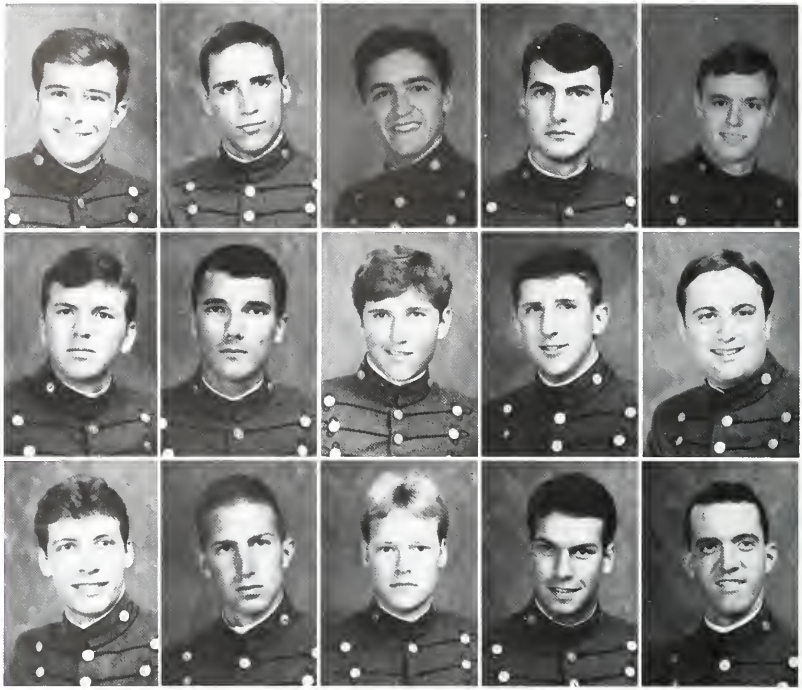
My first impression of VMI was, WOW! What a place. My second impression . . . better left unsaid. Don't get me wrong, I realize if I get out of here, I'll be . a better man for it. The super people I've met here are far too numerous to mention, but I would like to pay a tribute to the men I have lived with the past two years: Jay, Chuck, John, Cav, Chipper, Johnny E. and Johnny (you too Spike!) If I can ever do anything for you don't hesitate to ask. To coach Thalman and the football team, my family away from home, Otie, Sue Anne, Mary Curtis and Susan . . . thanks. I would like to thank my family, my grandparents and relatives for their never ending support, also thanks for the financial aid! I love you! Last, but not least, I would like to give my love to my girlfriend Barbara, for putting up with me and the hardships. Also a special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. "B" for being so nice. With a little help from the good Lord . . . I'm outta here!

DYKE 1982: Mike Eden

John Lawrence Adams
Lexington, Va.
Stanley Joseph Adamus
Linden, N.J.
Robert Michael Adkins
Petersburg, Va.
Harry Evans Allen, III
Zachary, La.
David Randolph Ames, Jr.
Richmond, Va.

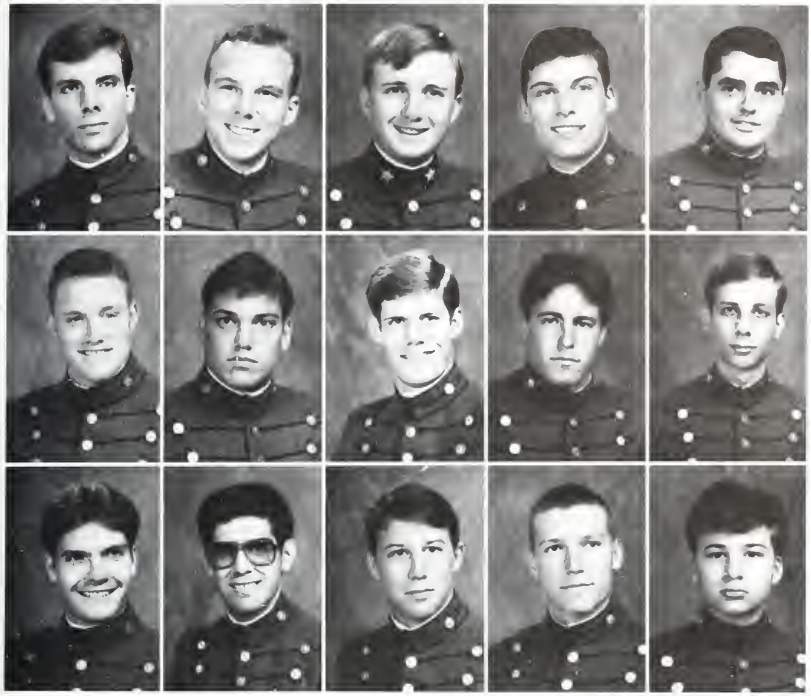
Tyron Roberts Arnold
Roanoke, Va.
William Kip Arthur
Newton, N.J.
Bryan John Augsburger
Virginia Beach, Va.
Adam Christopher Babcock
Camden, Del.
Christopher Collins Balderson
Montross, Va.

Robert Stewart Baldwin
Hanover, Md.
David Thomas Barthal
Fairfax, Va.
Robert Gates Bass, Jr.
Richmond, Va.
Hayden Wallace Bayer
Norfolk, Va.
James Patrick Begley, III
Wilmington, Del.



Welcoming the "Freshmen" to the "System."

Band Co. Sarges under CAESAR AUGUSTUS Shirley wait to be sent on new missions.



Thomas Everett Bell
Woodbridge, Va.
Frank Kelly Berkhimer
Virginia Beach, Va.
Joseph Victor Bernet
Richmond, Va.
Benjamin Lewis Berry
Elmira, N.Y.
Gerald Roger Bessette
Providence, R.I.

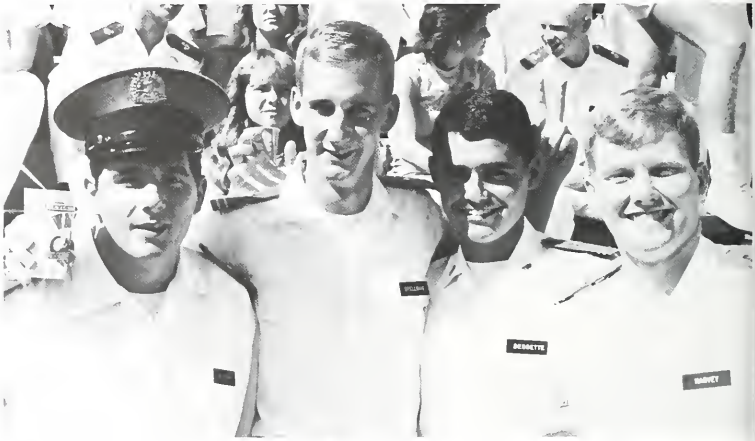
Gregory Francis Bond
Spotsylvania, Va.
Mark Thomas Bornhorst
Brecksville, OH
Marvin Corter Boswell
Keswick, Va.
William Lee Bowman
N. Tazwell, Va.
David Louis Brennan
Houston, Tex.

Barry Stephen Brockway
Vicksburg, Miss.
Jerry Earl Brooks
Harrisonburg, Va.
Jeffery Scott Brown
Pittsford, N.Y.
Mathew Shafter Brown, II
Richmond, Va.
Randolph Allen Brush
Bridgeport, Conn.

Drew Smith begins the process of making an unsuspecting teenager a VMI MAN.

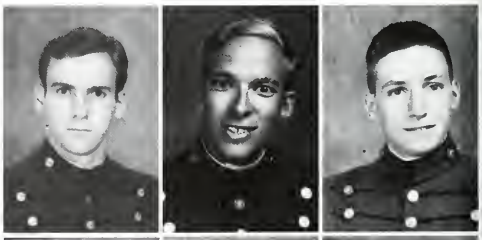
Ken Cade and his cheerleading partner use all available means to help our team to victory.

David Barthol is scoping-out the action with his ray bans.



Pat McGuire, Jim Spellman, Jerry Bessette and Mike Harvey seem to be having a good time at the game.

William Scott Bryant
Mechanicsville, Va.
John Wylam Burgess, Iii
Ithaca, NY
Tracy Warren Burke
Boothwin, Pa.



Brian Anthony Burton
Fredericksburg, Va.
Daniel Hodnett Burton
Altavista, Va.
Kenneth Brian Cade
Roanoke, Va.
David Owland Campbell
Richmond, Va.
Mark Steven Carroll
Richmond, Va.
Matthew Joseph Carter
Woodbridge, Va.
David Mark Caruso
Mount Laurel, N.J.
Kirby James Caruso
Mount Laurel, N.J.
Michael Anthony Ceroli
McDonald, Oh.
Raymond Edward Cervera
Danbury, Ct.

Norb Jocz and Bob Ellis doing what comes naturally out at Goshen.

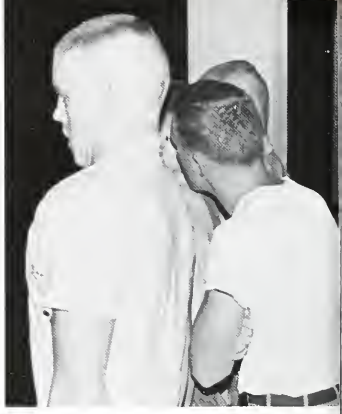
Joe Pauley and company enjoying the Zolloman's tradition.

Michael Gonsalves Chang
Kaneohe, Hi.

Robert Matthew Chapman
Littleton, Co.

James Bernard Chartier
Grafton, Ma.

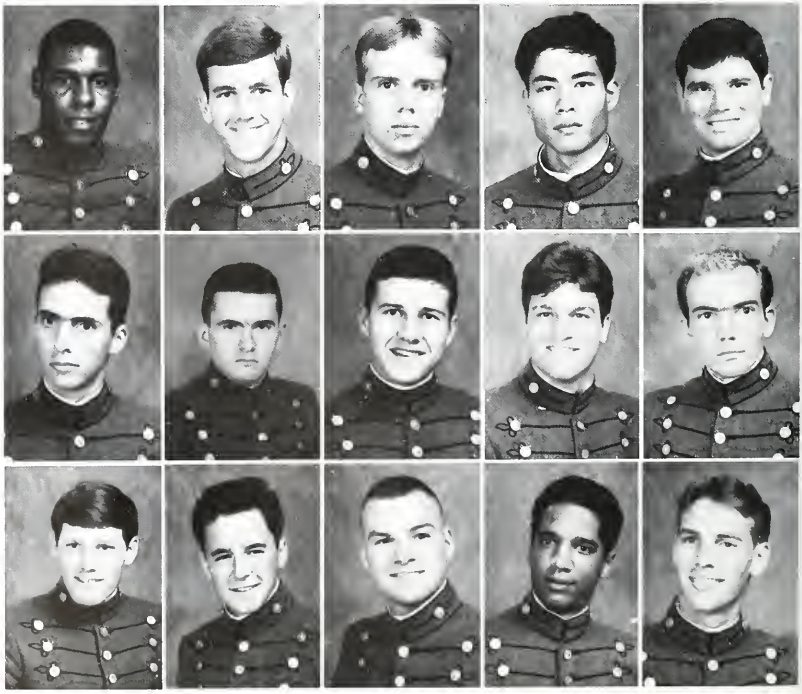
Ching-pu Chen
Placentia, Ca.
Stephen Anthony Chill
Gaithersburg, Md.
Byron Paul Cole
Richmond, Va.
John Michael Collins
Richmond, Va.
Michael George Cook
Waynesboro, Va.
Fredrick Joseph Coons
Albany, NY
Ashley Simpson Cooper
Rocky Mount, Va.
Stephen James Cooper
West Hartford, Ct.
Roy Rogers Creasey, Jr.
Lynchburg, Va.
Tayloe Murphy Dameron
Richmond, Va.



Making sure the RATS are awake for a bit of morning fun.

Mark Utke brings his date to center "table" for another round of dancing.

Mike Ceroli, Greg Moyers and **Jerry Bessette** enjoy a few good times whil away from the "I".

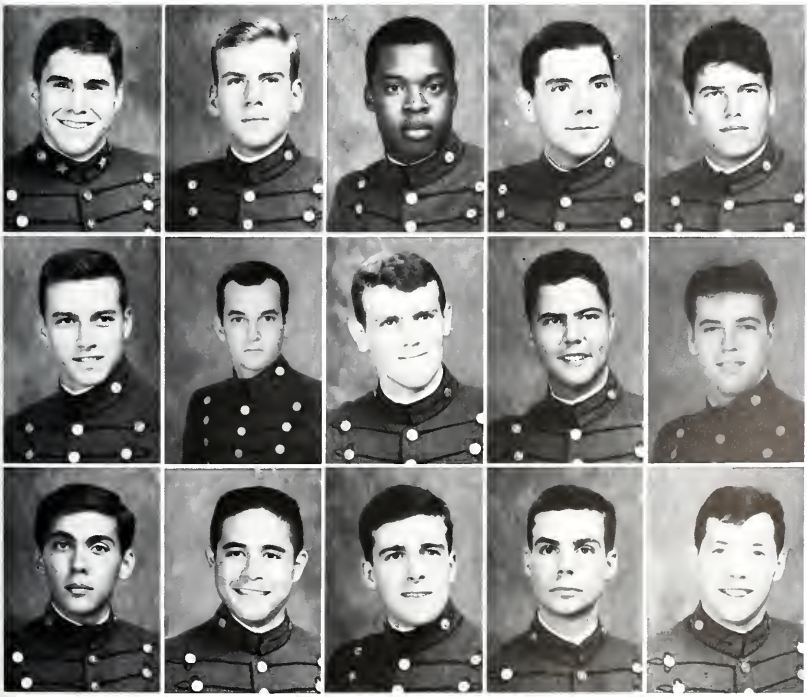


Sylvester Davis, Jr.
Camp Springs, Md.
Glen Alan Degrote
Dover, Del.
Peter Wells Delano
Cranford, NJ
Chayan Deshsorn
Kensington, Md.
Craig Derek Dezern
Galax, Va.

Frank Griffith Doe
Virginia Beach, Va.
Charles Herbert Downey, Jr.
Unionville, Va.
John Melvin Eckenrode
Frederick, Md.
Quintin Dale Elliott
Natural Bridge, Va.
Robert Delwood Ellis, Jr.
Charlotte, NC

Kelly Taylor Dillenberger
Creedmoor, NC
Michael Patrick Dittamo
Arlington, Va.
John Randolph Dixon
Bedford, Va.
Patrick Joseph Donahue
Wayzata, Minn.
John George Douglas
Auburn, NY

The Class of '85 lines up for the long awaited Ring Figure Waltz.



Thomas Jackson Emerson
Siler City, NC
William Lawrence Engelson, Jr.
Woodbridge, Va.
Davis Allen Estes
Richmond, Va.
Mark Stephen Eubank
Madison Heights, Va.
William Neal Felty
Grafton, Va.

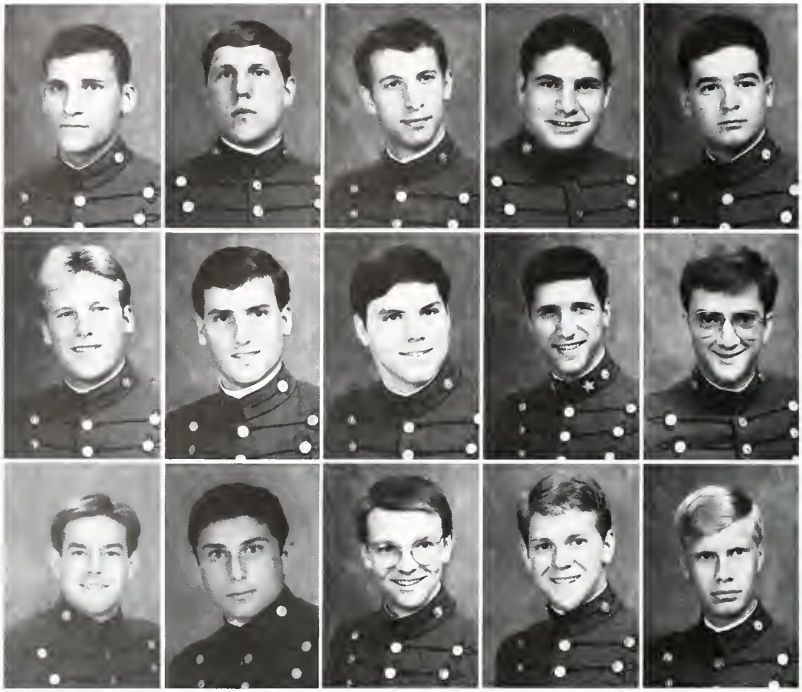
Jon Timothy Ferber
Summit, NJ
Terry Wayne Fields
Burke, Va.
Richard Maurice Flanary, Jr.
Richlands, Va.
Mark Flessner
Clearwater, Fla.
Kevin Michael Flynn
Vienna, Va.

Glenn Karsten Frank
Salem, Va.
Jeff Arnold Fraser
Temple Hill, Md.
Philip Anthony Galgano
East Hanover, NJ
Robert Lee Gardner
Lexington, Va.
Mark Andrew George
Middleton, Del.

Brad Robert Gerstbrein
Media, Pa.
Dennis Valerian Gnatowski
Clarksburg, Md.
Kyle Hunter Goldsmith
Lynch Station, Va.
Jeffery Sthephen Golembiewski
Uniontown, Pa.
Donald Joseph Graham, Jr.
Reno, NV

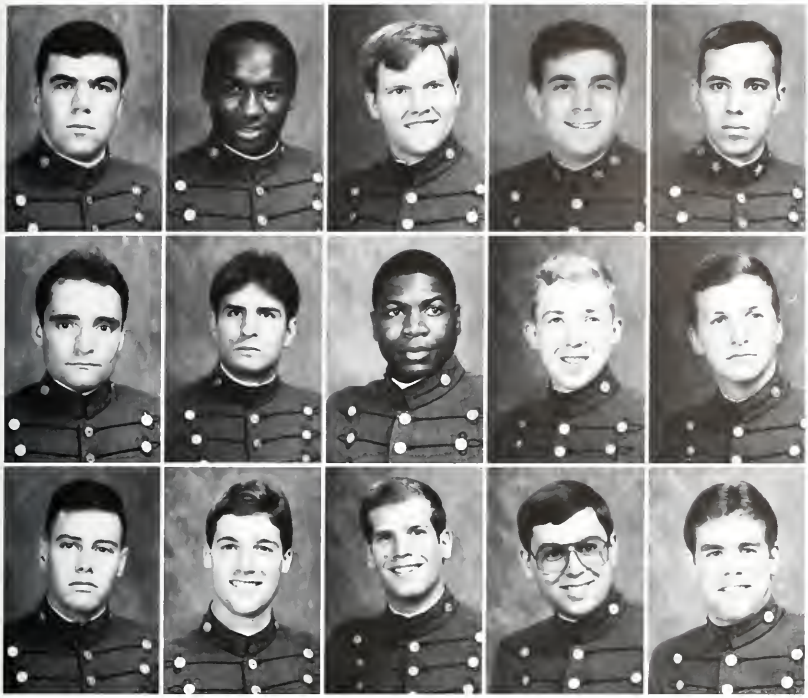
Steven Douglas Green
Poquoson, Va.
Thomas Stuart Greenspon
Charlottesville, Va.
James Allen Gregory
Albuquerque, NM
Paul Christopher Grgas
South Farmingdale, NY
Matthew Purcell Hadley
Wilson, NC

Stephen Bruce Hagan
Ft. Benning, Ga.
George Angelo Halages
Richmond, Va.
Matthew Beecroft Hamilton
Chapel Hill, NC
Ralph Palmer Hamilton, Jr.
Norfolk, Va.
Lloyd Douglas Hamlin
Richmond



Dave Hunter and his shirt partake in the festivities of "WET BEAVER!"

Drew Smith listens intently as Rick Sullivan smooth talks his RF date.



Brenton David Harder
Sherborn, Ma.
Timothy Harris Iii
Hampton, Va.
James Michael Harvey
Newport News, Va.
George William Headley
New Orleans, La.
Brent Hearn Ii
Vincentown, NJ

Stephen Lee Heflin
Remington, Va.
Matthew Scott Henderson
Oil City, Pa.
Michael Dean Herndon
Madison Heights, Va.
Douglas Allen Hill
Charlottesville, Va.
Hugh Rogers Hill
Lebanon, Tenn.

Jeffrey Christian Hill
Fredericksburg, Va.
Thomas Bruce Hill
Chester, Va.
Kenneth Ray Hirlinger, Jr.
Woodbridge, Va.
Glenn Allen Hoffman
Salem, Va.
Kevin Lee Holland
Parksley, Va.

Is Greg Bond acting or has he just realized where he is?

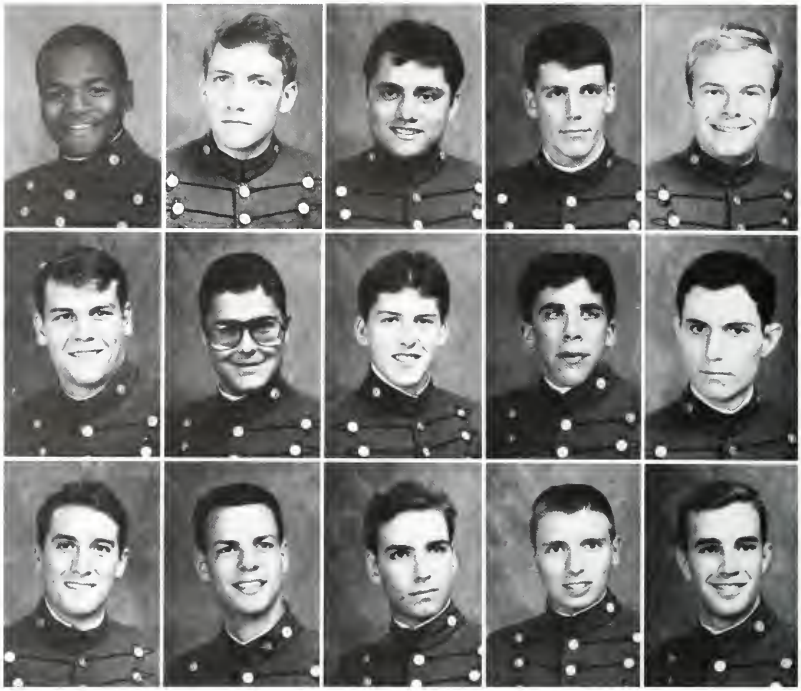
Dave Wood and Graham Shirley do their part for TCFC '85.

Sam Maroon tells his date about the big one that got away.

Daryl Arnel Horne
Thunderbolt, Ga.
Reid Ian Howell
Annandale, Va.
Michael Hulyo
Hughesville, Pa.
David Summers Hunter
Lancaster, Pa.
Kenneth James Hurst
Richmond, Va.

Joseph Mettauer Irby, II
Blackstone, Va.
Ashley Kent Iroler
Claudville, Va.
David Hugh Irvin
Wytheville, Va.
Kurt William Iverson
Parsippany, N.J.
Robert Gordon Ivy
Baxley, Ga.

Mark Wendell Jackson
Bozeman, Mont.
Kevin Dean Jenkins
Camp Hill, Pa.
Michael Troy Jernigan
Richmond, Va.
Norbert Bohdan Jocz
Blacksburg, Va.
Robert Bruce Johnson
Richmond, Va.



Party. VMI style!

Oblivious to all else Steve Heflin and Matt Daniels enjoy themselves.

Daniel Joseph Jordan Iii
Trenton, NJ

John Henry Jordan
North East, Md.

John Jacob Kaplan
Belleville, NJ

James Wendell Keays
Oceanside, Cal.

John David Keenan
Virginia Beach, Va.

John Gwaltney Keppel
Richmond, Va.

Meade Bennett King
Virginia Beach, Va.

Kerry Douglas Kirk
Elliston, Va.

William Hamilton Kirtley
Hayes, Va.

Joseph Haskins Klaus
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Gary William Klein
Salisbury, NC

Craig Rollison Lamb
Falls Church, Va.

Michael John Lamore
Virginia Beach, Va.

Solon Jeffrey Lane
Arlington, Va.

Kevin Leary
Madison, NJ

Steve "WIGGLE EARS" Medeiros helps his Class out by supporting TCFC "85".

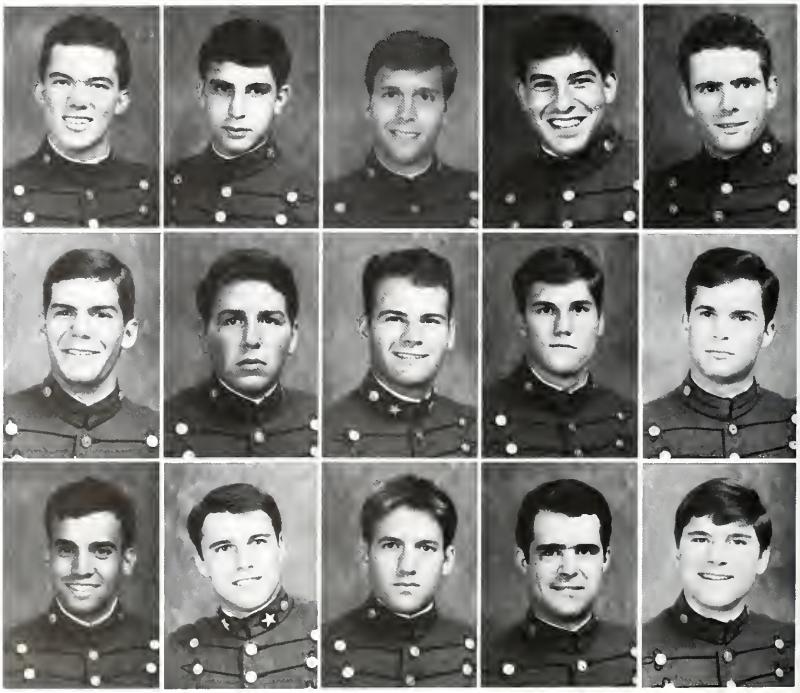
Despite the unbelievers "85's" Line Dance was a big hit at RING FIGURE.

Before the administration took an active role in the Ratline Cadets (like Mike Ceroli) were able to instill the respect-fear that made Rats strive to become upperclassmen!

John Joseph Lee, Iii
Lynchburg, Va.
Robert Joseph Lindgren
Pottstown, Pa.
Glen John Lisella
Upper Marlboro, Md.
Neil Samuel Lowenstein
Richmond, Va.
Jay Blair Lucas
Richmond, Va.

John Charles Malik, Iii
Binghamton, NY
Tucker Mayo Maloney
Richmond, Va.
Peter Haik Mangerian
Fairport, NY
Thomas Hunter Manning
Pine Mountain, Ga.
Karl Wayne Marks
Chester, Va.

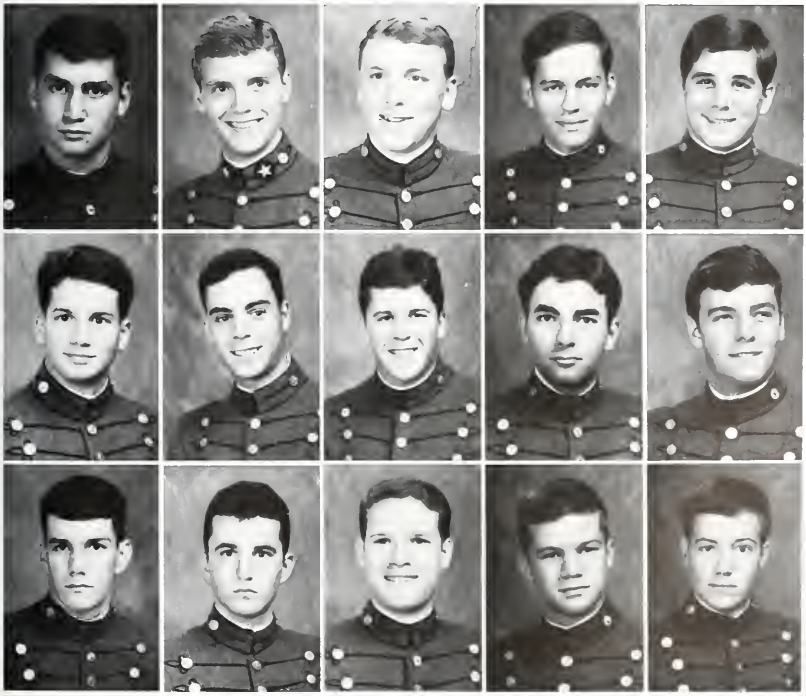
Samuel Adam Maroon
Manassas, Va.
William Stevens Marsh, Iii
Hazard, Ky.
Timothy Edward Martin
Troutville, Va.
Alexander Hamilton Mason, Jr.
Petersburg, Va.
Charles Lewis Mccarthy
Lynchburg, Va.



Bill Engleson takes his duty of 1st Sgt. A Co. with a smile.

Vic Bernet gets his Rats up for a taste of the Old Corps — the morning run.

On the lighter side of fun at the "I" Strib, Sarge, and Tom enjoy a possible nooncap!



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Coronado, Cal.

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Chantilly, Va.
James Ross Miller
Burke, Va.
Scott Douglas Miller
New Port Richey, Fla.
Michael Andrew Milligan
Indianapolis, In.

Kurt Allan Minne
South Holland, Ill.
Andrew James Mock
Carlisle, Pa.
Donald Lee Monday
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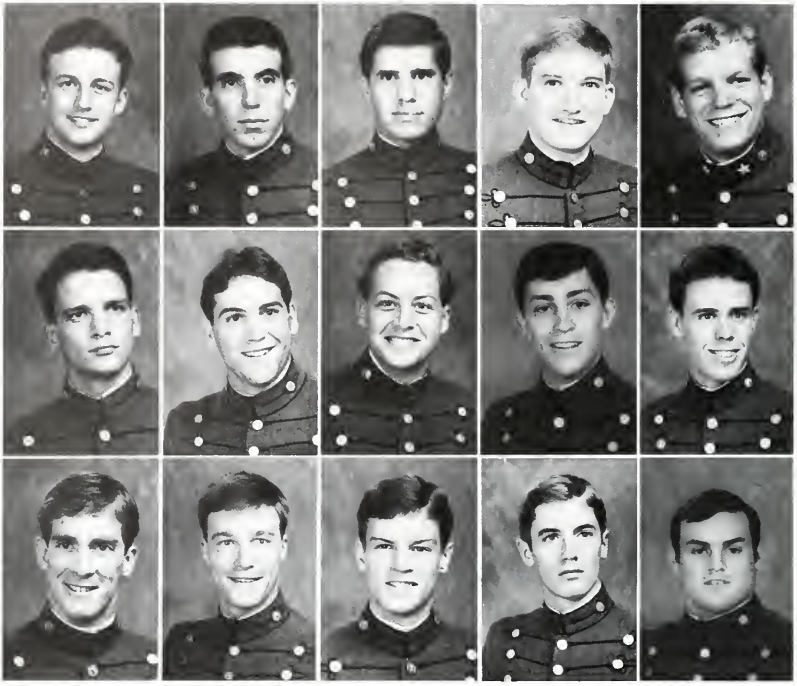

Russ Stewart tells us something about our rings and ourselves.

Brent Harder receives his BUDS from Colonel Gardner.

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Steven Lewis Mercer Patton
Fairfax, Va.
Joseph Michael Pauley
Potomac, Md.
Phillip Raymond Pauquette
Earlton, N.Y.

Robert Scott Pearson
Rochester, N.Y.
Craig Lee Pittman
Houston, Tex.
Thomas Rinehart Plowright
West Chester, Pa.
Wiliam Frederick Potter
Suffolk, Va.
John Micheal Powers
Duxbury, Mass.

Patrick Ben Pressler
Mccomb, Miss.
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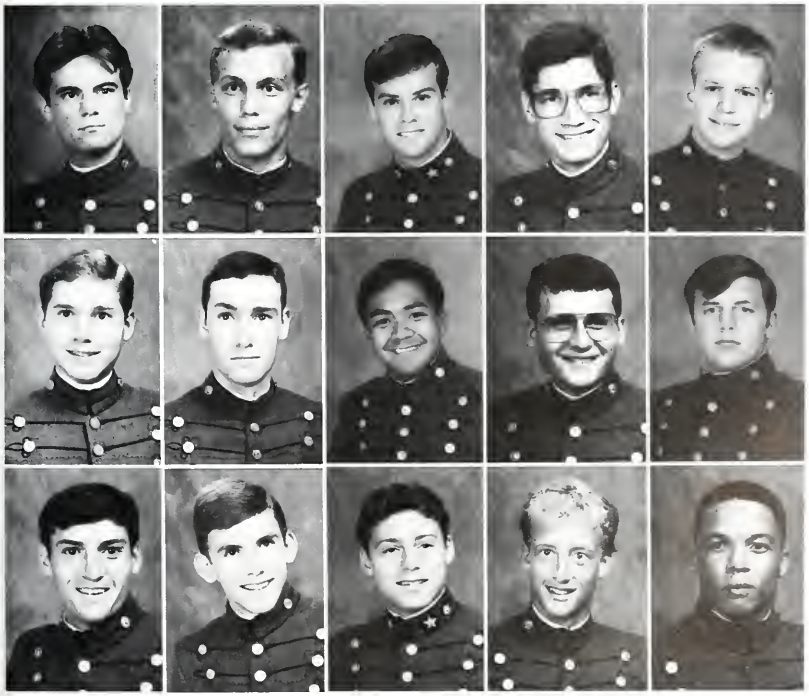

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Emmaus, Pa.

Jeffrey Kirk Ring
Virginia Beach, Va.
Kevin Robles
Vincentown, N.J.
Michael Joseph Robless
Mclean, Va.
Devin Scott Roddenberry
Altamonte Springs, Fla.
Charles Vincent Rogerson
Dinwiddie, Va.

Tom Joel Roltsch
Dumfries, Va.
Graham Calvin Rose
Midlothian, Va.
John Edward Rose
Claysville, Pa.
Joseph Lee Rose
Norfolk, Va.
Byron Levon Ross
Clifton Forge, Va.

Wilfred Grey Rowlett
Petersburg, Va.
Henry Lee Sanchez
Richmond, Va.
Jeffery Carl Saunders
Midlothian, Va.
William Martin Sargeant
Millboro, Va.
Perry Wilson Sarver, Jr.
Strasburg, Va.

Albert Lovelace Saunders
Halifax, Va.
Darren Antwon Sawyer
Winston-Salem, N.C.
Michael James Schriver
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Fairfax, Va.

John Mitsuo Shimotsu
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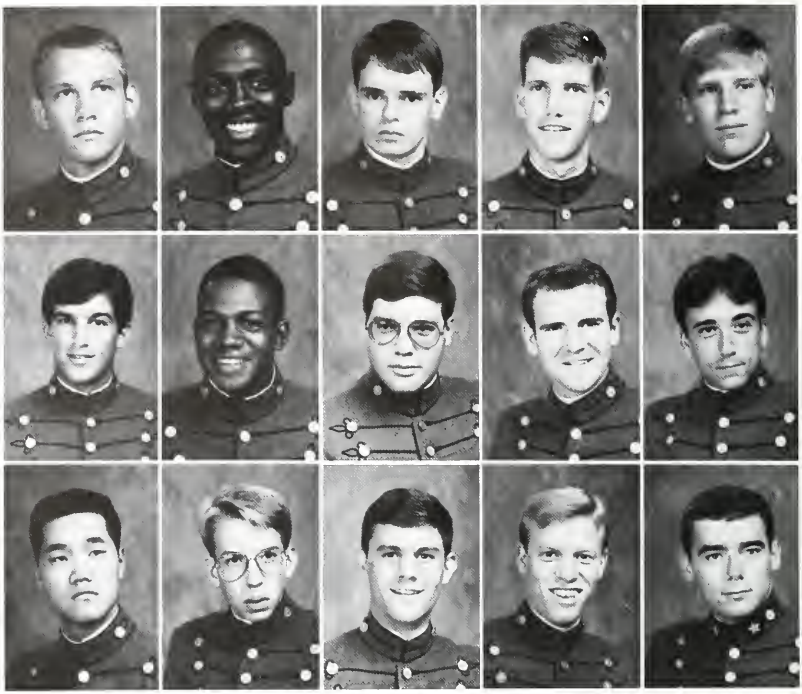

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Fredricksburg, Va.

William Todd Southard
Fort Collins, Colo.
Richard Hugh Speir
Frostburg, Md.
James Francis Spellman, Jr.
Eastchester, N.Y.
Joseph Martin Spivey, IV
Richmond, Va.
Michael Anthony Steen
Annapolis, Md.

Michael Neville Stent
Oakton, Va.
James Kevin Stinebower
Eaton Rapids, Mich.
David Eugene Stinnette
Lynchburg, Va.
John Alexander Stuart
Alexandria, Va.
Richard Stanley Sullivan
Houston, Tex.

Shane Darren Sullivan
Virginia Beach, Va.
Lawrence Allen Thomas
Martinsville, Va.
Maurice Eric Thompson
Clairton, Pa.
Terrace Barrell Thompson
Woodbridge, Va.
Todd Lawrence Thornes
Bloxom, Va.

William Thomas Tilling III
Winchester, Va.
David Leroy Tingley
Stoneboro, Pa.
Lamont Ferwal Toliver
Duquesne, Pa.
Sontichai Toomhirun
Kensington, Md.
Christopher Alan Towhill
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Ralph John Tremaglio III
Meriden, Conn.
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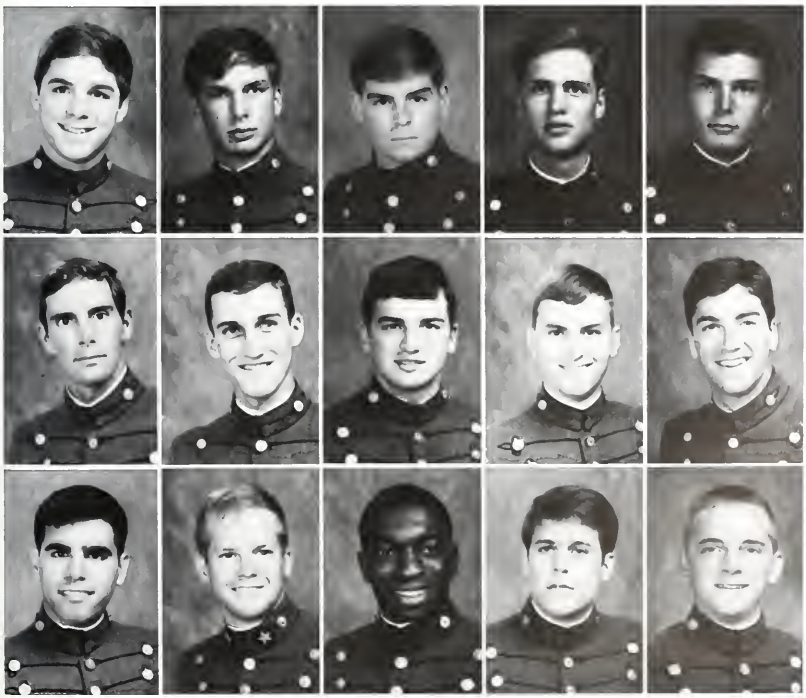

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Christopher Scott Welch
Richmond, Va.

Michael Francis Wesolowski
Lighthouse Point, Fla.
Cary Stephen Westin
Minneapolis, Minn.
David George White
Keeling, Va.
John Thomas Whitty, Jr.
Wicomic Church, Va.
William Michael Wieners
Braintree, Mass.

James Benard Wilkerson, Jr.
Richmond, Va.
Barton Gee Williams
New Bern, N.C.
Gregory Alan Williams
Hampton, Va.
Mark Wallace Williams
Richmond, Va.
Richard Raymond Williams III
Natick, Mass.

Thomas Spencer Williamson
Richmond, Va.
Curtis Lee Wilson
Chesapeake, Va.
Mark Alan Winger
Elyria, Oh.
Cedric Terry Wins
Hyattsville, Md.
Kyle Ivar Winter
Cornwall, Ny

Daniel Matthew Wisniewski
Moscow, Pa.
Christian Johann Wolf, Jr.
Highland Lakes, Nj
David Paul Wood
Oregon, Oh.
Todd Morris Wood, Jr.
Richmond, Va.
Michael Carroll Wooten
Princeton, Nc

John Joseph Wranek, Iii
Lynchburg, Va.
Stephen Bartley Wynn
Upper Marlboro, Md.
Jeffery Donnell Young
Fort Washington, Md.
Keith Morris Young
Newport News, Va.
Richard Tatum Young
Falls Church, Va.

Teaching their dates a new trick — high kicks on a wobbly table!

A new mode of transportation is the two-girlpower clothes carrier complete with built in BAR.

Thomas Fitzgerald Young
Roanoke, Va.

Siratep Yuktasevi
Washington, D.C.

Ken and David enjoy their dates company during the Ring Figure Game.

BRI BRI Dance with me!

Class of 1985 NOT PICTURED

Timothy Lee Bailey
Charles Edmund Baker, Jr.
Raymond Charles Baldwin
Matthew Fontaine Daniel
James Paul Eckenrode
Hunter Walton Elliott
Stephen V. Motylinski
Sumonchai Sanusun
David Arthuh Scott

Tucker Mayo Maloney

"Goat, Tucker the Goat, Nubian Goat"
Richmond, Virginia
History — Army, Infantry

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; VMI CADET 4, 3, 2, 1, Staff Writer 4, Assoc. Ed. 3, News and Features Editor 2; Circle K 3; Executive Comm. of College Republicans 2; Inst. Escorts 2.

Although my cadetship has not always been fun, it has undoubtedly been interesting. I came here in the fall of 1981 after spending two exciting(?) years at Louisburg (Loserburg) College. I went from partying in Chapel Hall to partying in Cocke Hall. It was like 1941 all over again. Rat year went quickly and my life has been an uphill struggle ever since. Has it been worth it? Yes! It is Thanksgiving time and I would like to express my thanks to: Dad, for talking me into coming here; Mom, for saving my checking account; Col. Barret for putting up with Wimbish's and my classroom abnoxiousness; the U.S. Army for having the 90 day wonder plan, Maj. Wilson for his helpful advice; and finally, my Charlie Company Brother Rats who are condemned to one more year of the institute. Best of Luck to the Class of 1985. — T.M.M.

DYKE 1982:John Chandler

The Class of 1986

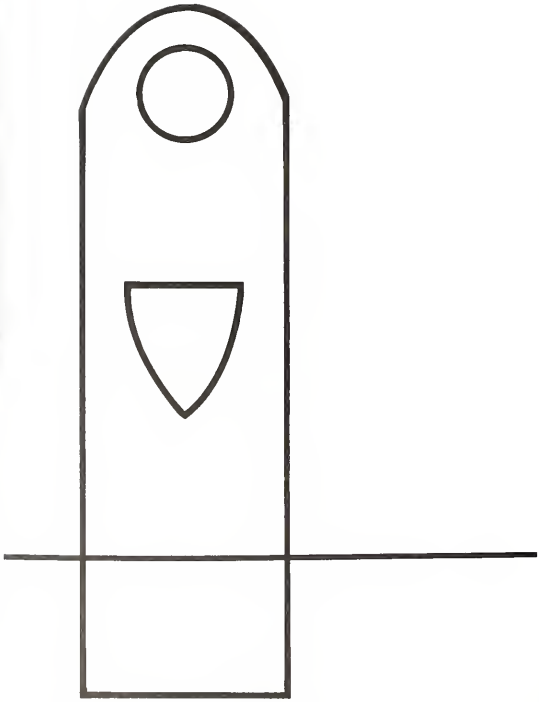
The 1983-84 school year was the start of something new and different for the Class of 1986. We were no longer at the very bottom of the totem pole. The sight of the Rats brought a new feeling of accomplishment. It felt great to know that we would now only be enforcing the Ratline instead of going through it.

After a few weeks, the novelty of yelling at Rats began to wear off and our minds turned to acadamia. The effects of the "Academic Ratline" set in. Late study became a way of life for most and many GPA's were damaged to say the least.

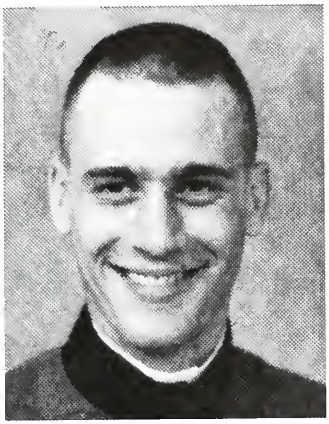
Even though the academics were pressing, class business had to be taken care of. We appointed the Ring Figure Committee and the TCFC at mid-semester. George Shield and Paul Burch, respectively, were appointed to the heads of these two committees. The Ring Figure Committee observed Ring Figure '85 taking careful notes to aid in planning for the next such event, our very own. TCFC got the ball rolling financially for '86 by selling pizzas, subs, and birthday cakes. These ventures were, of course, made possible only by class dues that every member of the class was required to pay.

On another note, the Third Class rank of corporal, which in the past has been known to be just a lot of work, became a risky job. With the controversy over the Ratline going in full force, many corporals were boned for actions taken with the Rats, which in the past would have never received a second glance.

History has once again repeated itself . . . as in previous years, Thirds "sucked it up" in a lot of ways. The Third Class party and the anticipation of Ring Figure '86 were a couple of nice things to think about along the way. In spite of the so-called "Academic Ratline" '86 is alive and well, on its way to bigger and better things.



In Memory of Meade Edmonds



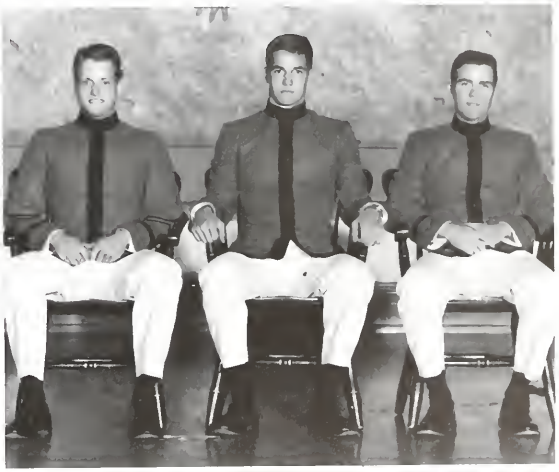
From Meade Edmonds Class of 1986

Here we are, night after parents weekend, night before a purge, we're all here now, we'd better be here at the end of the week. We gotta stick together and we'll make it. Thanks for the help so far, and I'm sure you know that whenever you need anything; just ask. I just want both of us to be here to shake hands after breakout.

— BR Meade

Written by Meade Edmonds, to his roommate October 17, 1982

THIRD CLASS OFFICERS — President — David V. Spears, Vice President — Timothy J. Keilty, Historian — David C. Moore.



Editor:
Steve Sinclair

No longer able to partake in the benefits offered by the "Rat X," Pat Farrell must obtain carbonated beverages in the depths of the barracks concourse.

Torn between academics and healthful slumber, Jersey Johnson finds a suitable substitute for his Preston study carrel.

David Earl Adams, II
Latrobe, PA
Darryl Floyd Agee
Salem, VA
James Stuart Agostini
Alexandria, VA
Frederick Ronald Albrecht
Annapolis, MD
Bryan Edward Amsel
Westminster, MD

John Matthew Anderson
Alexandria, VA
Steven King Anderson
Falls Church, VA
William Warner Anderson, Jr.
Chambersburg, PA
Timothy John Armstrong
Louisville, KY
Christopher Sean Ashworth
Richmond, VA

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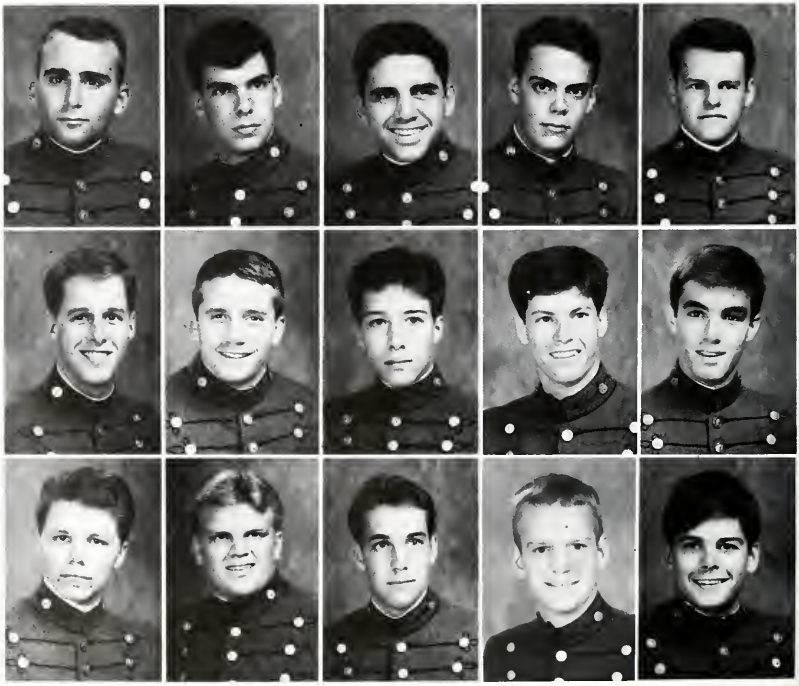


What tac wouldn't be surprised to encounter this scene as he was running his OCNI check?

Class stripes and cheverons are simply a sign that the Class of 1986 is working its way through the system.

William Miner Barber
Walden, NY
Stewart Lee Barnes
Roanoke, VA
Russell Henry Bartlett
Holloman AFB, NM
Christopher Wayne Bass
South Boston, VA
Harold Scott Bazemore
Richmond, VA

David Alan Benhoff
Prospect, VA
James Van Allen Bickford, IV
Norfolk, VA
Marcus Charles Black, Jr.
Fayetteville, NC
Mark Edward Black
Culloden, WV
Kelly Eugene Blake
Nashville, TN

Roy Maxine Blizzard, III
Elkview, WV
Jeffrey Robert Boobar
Flossmoor, IL
Paul Minor Boos
Richmond, VA
Charles Cornell Booth
Granville, OH
David Daniel Brackett
Baltimore, MD

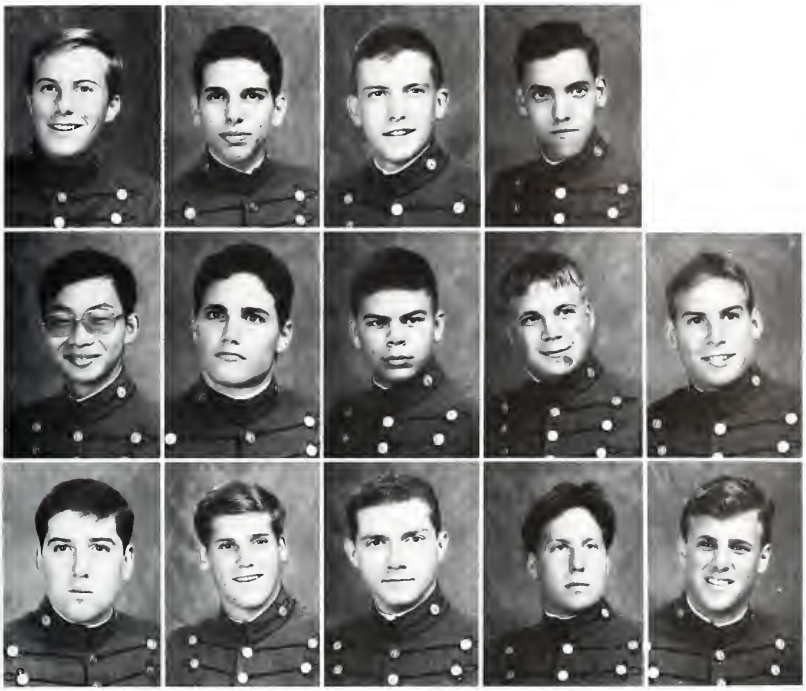
Scott Ernest Bradley
Linthicum, MD
Gerald Sage Bradshaw, Jr.
Virginia Beach, VA
James Paul Breckenridge
Cedarville, OH
Douglas Walter Brennan
West Palm Beach, FL
Anthony Jerome Brown
Richmond, VA

Thomas Stuart Buckley
Silver Spring, MD
Theodore Edward Buczacki
Springfield, PA
John Martin Buhl, III
Richmond, VA
Paul William Burch
Woodstock, VA
Jerome Andre Butler
Alexandria, VA

John Winston Butler
Chesapeake, VA
Eric Allen Butner
Cleveland, OH
Robert Sheridan Cabell
Norfolk, VA
Michael Gavin Calkins
Richmond, VA
Vincente Daquial Carag, Jr.
Suitland, MD

While Scott Hillier does one of the many necessary chores in the life of a cadet . . .

. . .**other Third classmen** find new diversions during their second year at the "I."



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John Bradley Chesson
Columbia, MD
Byron Lee Childress, Jr.
Manquin, VA
Michael Alan Chipley
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Bernard Joseph Colacicco
Blackwood, NJ

Anthony Michael Colleti
Richmond, VA
James Alvin Comer
Roanoke, VA
Charles Bryant Cook
Powhatan, VA
Michael Allen Corwin
Newport News, VA
James Lee Coulter, Jr.
McKees Rock, PA

When duty calls. Joseph Ruf delivers!

Steve Grzeszczak indulges in one of the more pleasant, if not frequent, aspects of life at VMI.

What better way is there to spend a long Saturday night?

Andre John Creel
Quebec, Canada
Brian Edward Crowson
Suffolk, VA
Charles Scott Cubbison
Sippery Rock, PA
James Michael Daly
Arlington, VA
Patrick John D'Antonio
Moscow, PA

Thomas Edward Darby, III
Poquoson, VA
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Newport News, VA
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Vienna, VA
Thomas Peter Devenoge
McLean, VA

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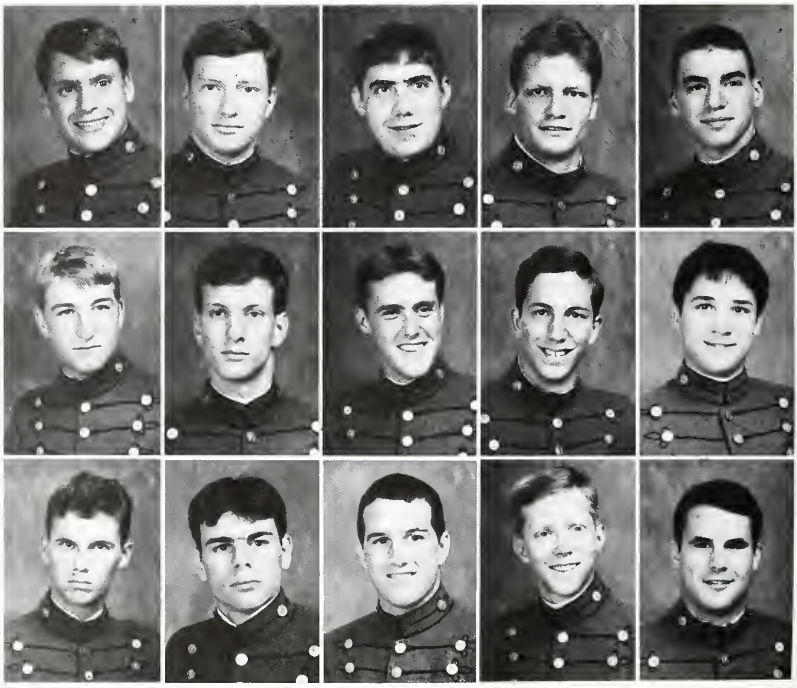
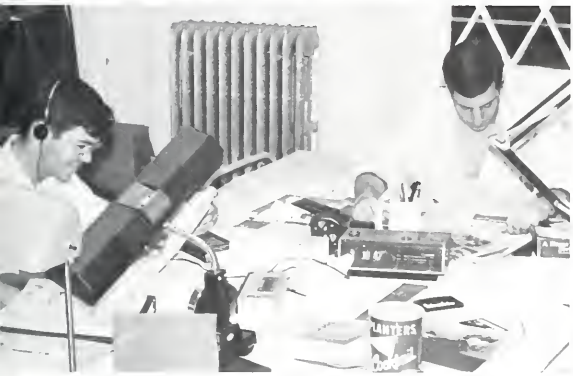
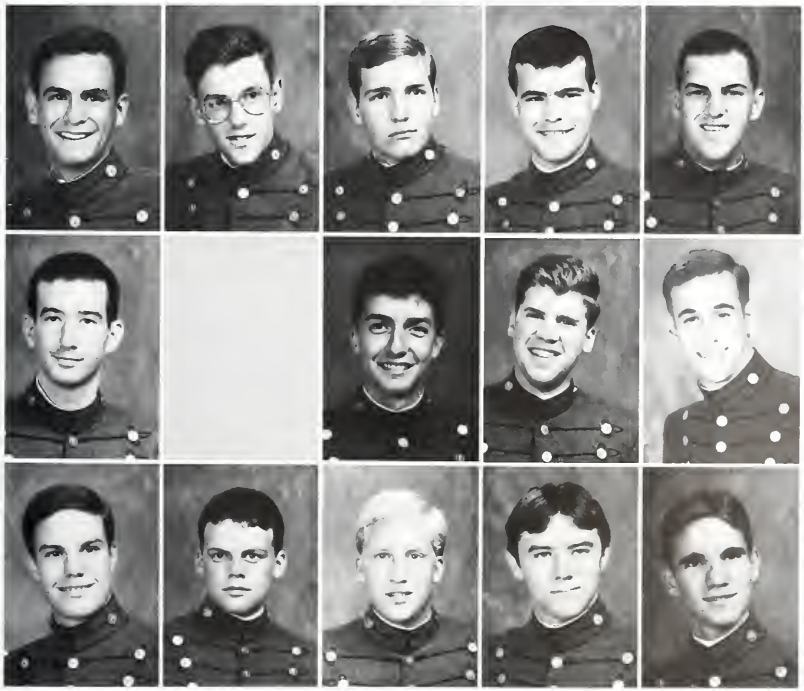


Adam Loveless finds that rat drowning was never like this.

Two Liberal Arts Majors attempt last minute studying for an EC-202 test.

Timothy Young takes a break from homework to indulge in a feast from the "PX."





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Yarmouth, MA
Jonathan Brett French
Eatontown, NJ
Ralph Adelbert Frye, III
Beaver, PA
Gerald Wayne Fuller, Jr.
Crewe, VA

Calvin Breading Furlow
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Mechanicsburg, PA
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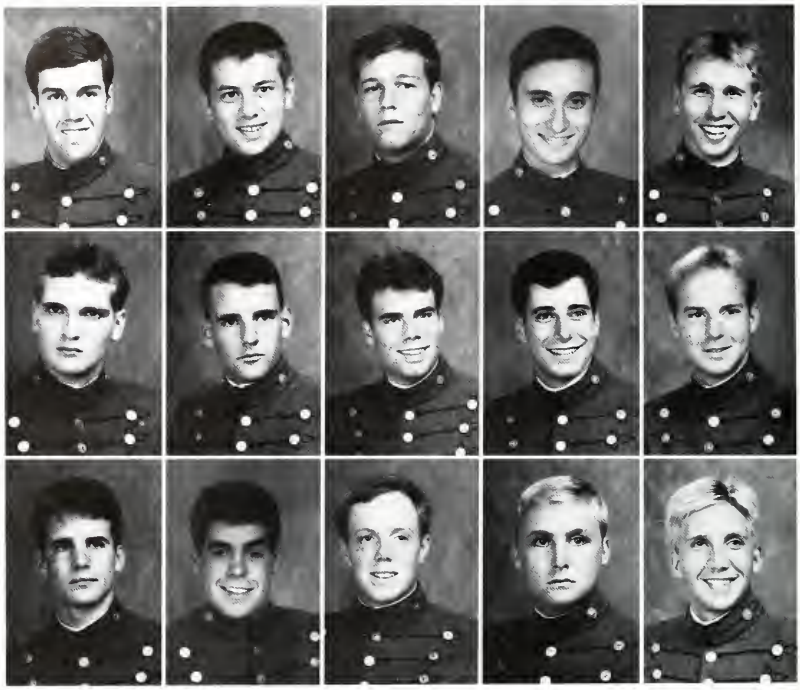
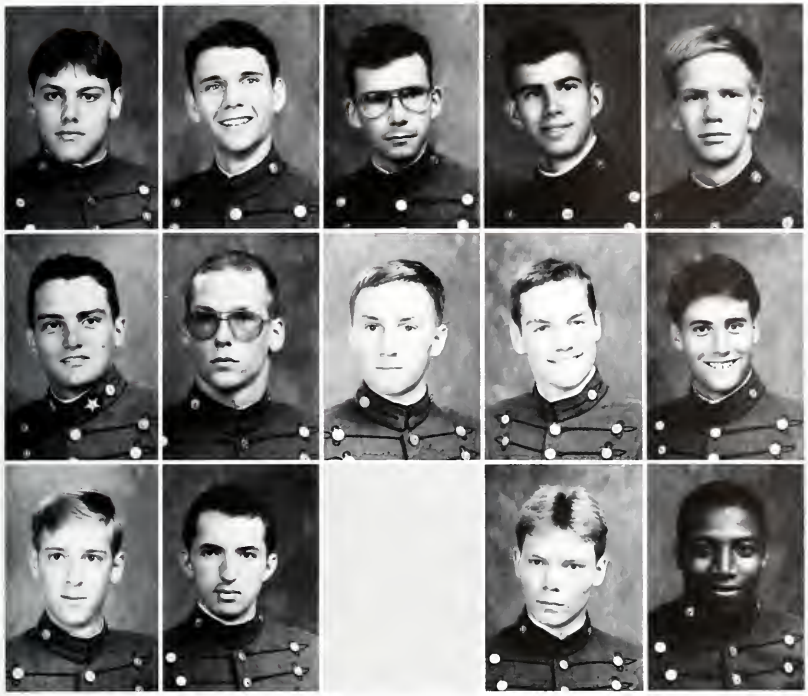


The start of the year found many Third Classmen in search of a room, any room.

It's obvious that someone does not wish to be disturbed.



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Scot P. Hillier
Fairfax, VA
Anthony Douglas Hirtz
Lynchburg, VA
Samuel Andrews Holmes
Oxford, PA
Daniel Lewis Hooker
Erieville, NY
Philip Roper Howard
Petersburg, VA

Robert Clinton Hubbard, Jr.
Covington, VA
Leonard Scott Huff
Cornettsville, KY
Scott Carleton Hunter
New Cumberland, PA
Henry Bernard Ingram
High Point, NC

Stewart Barnes makes one of the many calls that are VMI's only link with the outside world.

The Third Class Cadre prepares to begin teaching one of the many lessons in marching that filled a long and hot August week.

Just WHAT does one do with those that don't seem to fit in?

Sam Hayes looks back a year and seems surprised with what he sees.

Stewart Barnes contemplates the fact that he is out here again.

Phillip Scott Ingram
Richmond, VA
James Patrick Inman
Lebanon, TN
Paul Francis Jarvis
Pittsburgh, PA
Anthony Thomas Jasinski
Erie, PA
Ronald Orest Jaworowski
Alexandria, VA

James Michael Jenkins
Fairport, NY
Robert Evan Johnson
Alexandria, VA
Lawrence Stephone Jones
Ashland, VA
Christopher Kanter
Norfolk, VA
Michael James Karabasz
Holland, MI

Thomas Joseph Kardos
Stamford, CT
Timothy Michael Keilty
Vienna, VA
Dale Kennedy
Suffolk, VA
John Francis Kiefer
Richmond, VA
Jimmy Waltus Kilbourne, Jr.
Winchester, VA

What Third Classman hasn't done this at least once?

Daniel Edward Kirby
Virginia Beach, VA
Christopher Paul Kolditz
Houston, TX
Peter Ray Kramer
Chesapeake, VA
William Karl Kuhrman
Vienna, VA
Cyrus Scott Kump, II
Newport News, VA

Bradley Mark Kwiatkowski
McLean, VA
Michael Richard Laban
Mabelreign Salisbury, Zimbabwe, Africa
James Rene Laforest
Arlington, VA
Richard Viktor Lahue
New York, NY
Michael Leslie Lakos
Waleska, GA

Troy Vernon Lanier
Stafford, VA
Robert Henry Larosa
Springfield, VA
Mark Alan Laughon
Bedford, VA
William Alan Leatherwood
Farmville, VA
Gerald George Leffers
Rustburg, VA

Rumsey Joseph S. Light, III
Aldie, VA
Liu Tsu-Kuang
Taipei, Taiwan, Rep. of China
Kent Andrew Long
Annandale, VA
Raymond M. Longabaugh
Clinton, MS
Adam Andrew Loveless
Irving, TX

Timothy Isaac Macaulay
Saugus, MA
Jeffrey Donald Maclay
Brookfield, CT
Roman Francis Malavet
Swiftwater, PA
George Martin Mason
Oaklyn, NJ
Robert Blair Mason
Lakeland, FL

Wayne Leslie Mason
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Jeffrey Leonard Massie
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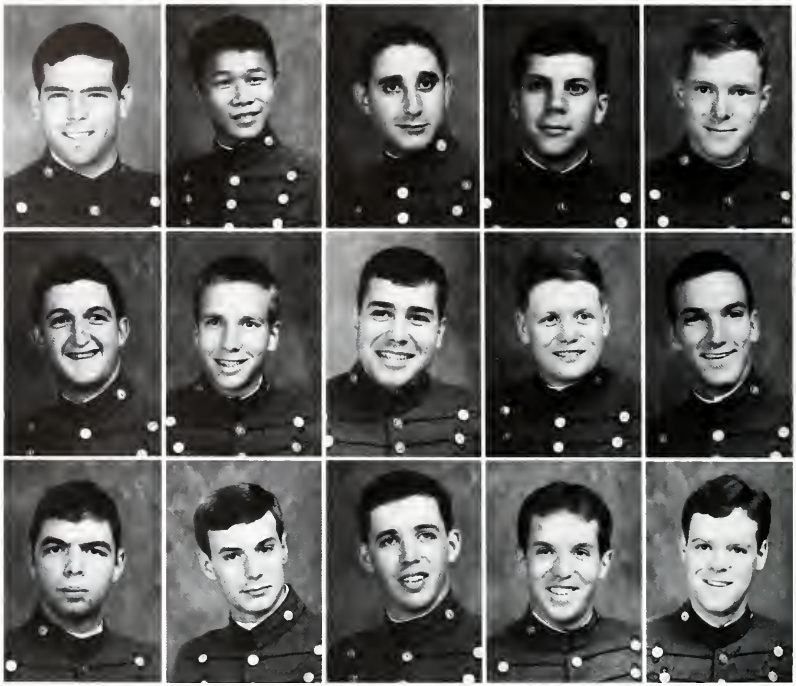
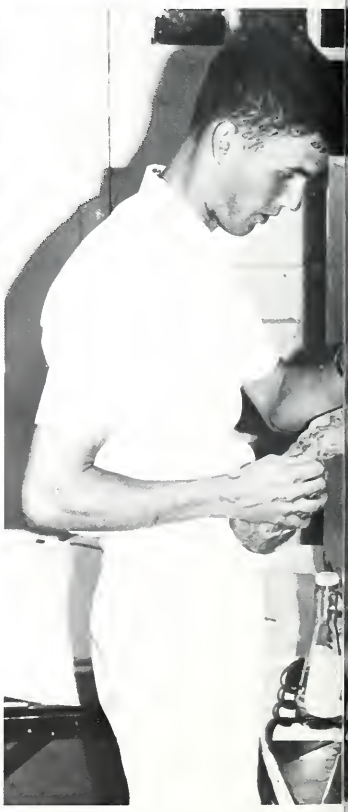
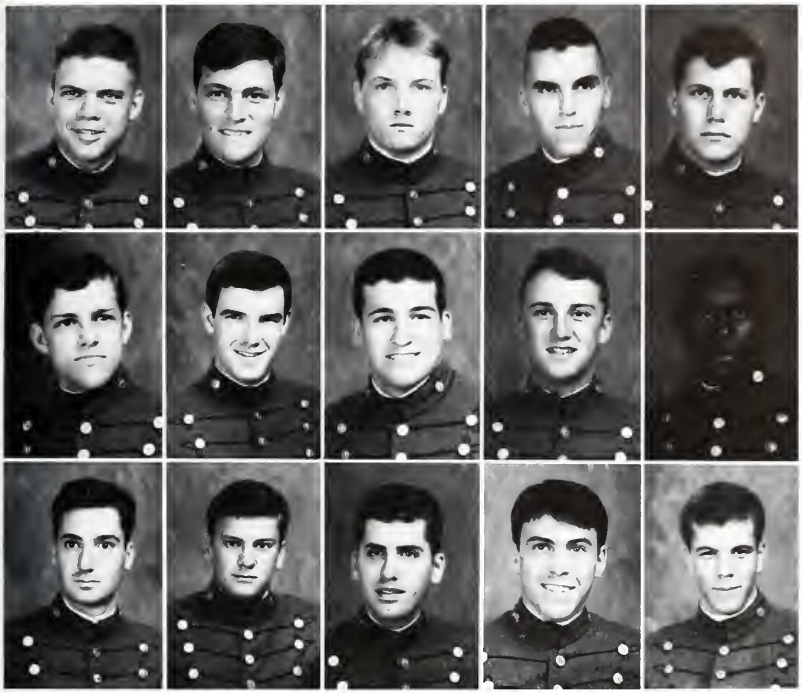
Ronald O'Conner Mays, Jr.
Buena Vista, VA





Part of every corporal's job involves some not too pleasant duties.

Adam Dickerson prepares a late night snack.



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John Edward McConnell
Fairfax, VA
Todd William McCullough
Lexington, VA
James August McDonald, III
Sterling, VA
Thomas Daren McGinnis
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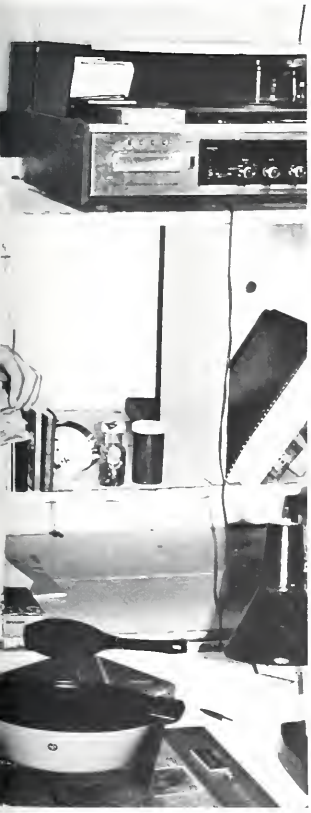
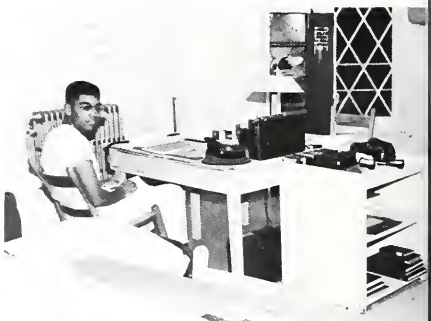


One room displays its view on the outcome of the Great Northern Conflict.

A rat participates in third stoop extracurricular activities during the 2315 CQRB.



What, us study?

Phil Howard and Glen Newcomb find still another way to waste time.

David Albert Miller, III
Waynesboro, VA
Karl Robert Mogensen
Buena Vista, VA
Daniel Patrick Monahan
Fairfax, VA

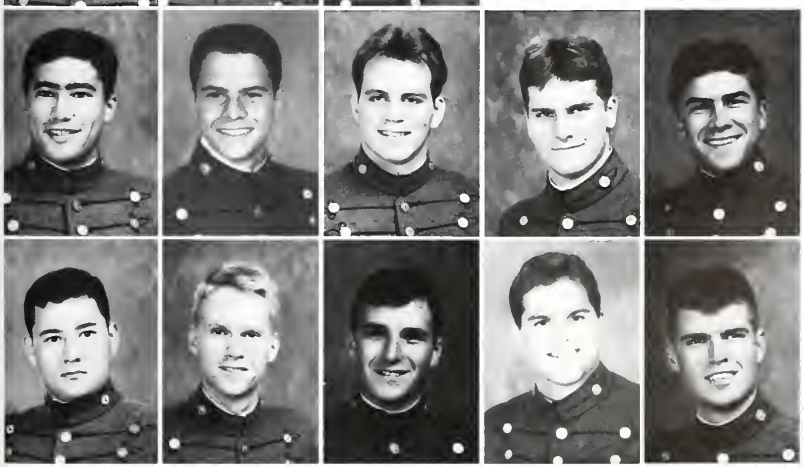
Jonathan Turner Moody
Richmond, VA
David Carter Moore
Lynchburg, VA
Marc Duane Moquin
Wytheville, VA
Max Conrad Morehead, Jr.
Suffolk, VA
Eric Dean Morehouse
Berwyn, PA

Martin Jeffrey Morgan
Jacksonville, VA
Jonathan Bruce Morrison
Mineral Wells, WV
Vince Alan Morton
Stella, NC
Mark Dollard Muldowney
Hagerstown, MD
Michael Charles Munson
Woodstock, VA

It is at times like these that Jim Harcarik wonders whether to study or to sleep.

Jamie Atkins looks disgusted that Jeff Massie could still be working — such is the life of the engineer.

Michael Eugene Necessary
Ashland, VA
Robert Joseph Nentwig
Boxford, MA
Glen Douglas Newcomb
Richmond, VA



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Michael Cecil Northrop
Albany, GA
James Harrison Nowlin
Hot Springs, VA
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Midlothian, VA

Ernest James Oversen
Norfolk, VA
Robert Neal Padgett
Richmond, VA
Timothy John Panoff
Annandale, VA
David Leroy Parker
Lynchburg, VA
Christopher Howard Peet
North Kingstown, RI

Timothy James Perez
Vienna, VA
Ambrose R. Phillips, III
Landover, MD
Glenn Paul Phillips
Woodbridge, VA
James Lewis Pingree
Portsmouth, NH

Joseph Ernest Pinhak
Boothwyn, PA
John Thomas Pitcock
Granville, OH
Christopher Carl Planeta
Hamden, CT
Christopher C. Poage
Reston, VA

Smardie Didiek Podo
Fairfax, VA
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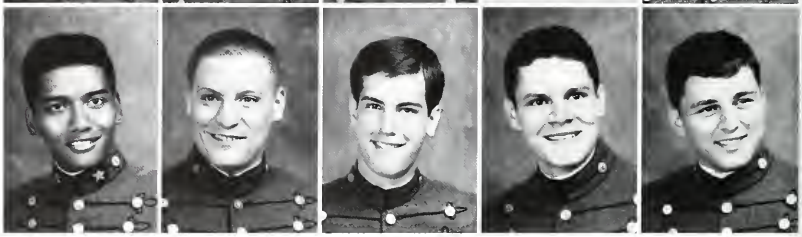
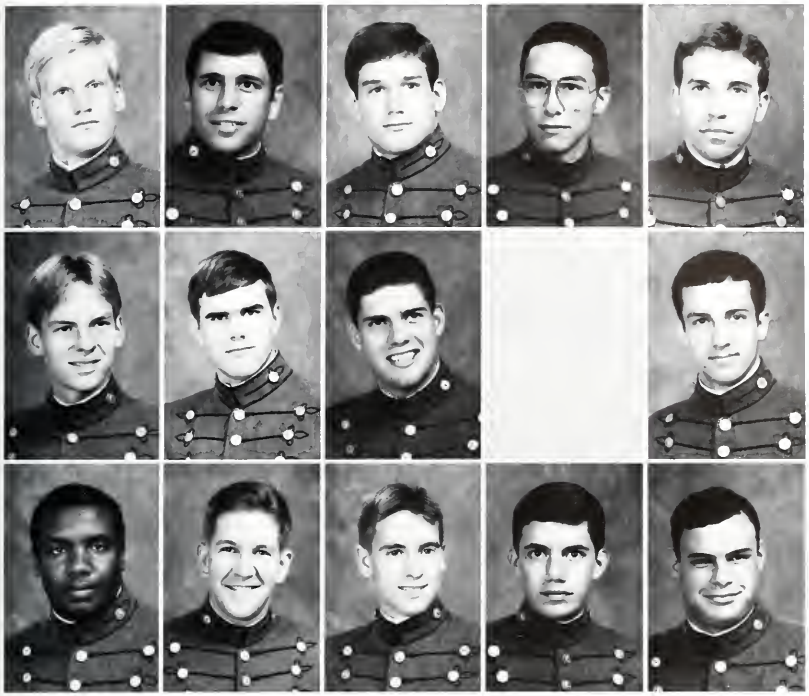


Fred Scott "instructs" a Rat in how it was back in the Old Corps.

J. C. Wolf and Putnam Wolcott do not seem to be worried about preserving M.I. order in their room.



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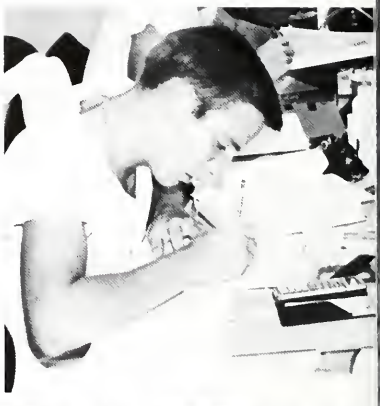
Richmond, VA
Glen Alan Ralston
Colonial Heights, VA
Robert Troy Ramos
Boerne, TX
John Charles Rapacki
Southwick, MA

Robert David Reynolds
Richmond, VA
Phillip Jordan Ridderhof
Fredericksburg, VA
Michael David Rivenbark
Virginia Beach, VA
William George Rogers
Richmond, VA

Louis Gene Rucker
Bluefield, WV
Joseph Ruf, III
Berlin, WI
Thomas Wellington Russell
Alexandria, VA
Dion Scaglione
Brentwood, NY
Robert Joseph Scaglione
Virginia Beach, VA

John Anderson and William Barber give a Rat a little encouragement to spend some time with his Rat bible.

The Liberal Arts major's best friend — A typewriter.



Jeffry Maclay is introduced to an engineer's best friend — a calculator.

Roy Woolwine, Pat D'Antonio, and **Mark Muldowney** try a new scheme for raising money using the method of another military unit, The Salvation Army.

Joseph Howard Schinstock
Sierra Vista, AZ
Charles Carroll Schoen, IV
Atlanta, GA
Frederick George Scott, II
Hampton, VA
Jimmie Wayne Seeley, II
Orange Park, FL
Henry Edward Selnau, Jr.
Hampton, VA

James David Shanley
Rolling Meadows, IL
David Bradley Sheckells
Mobile, AL
Stuart Cullen Sherwood
Harrisonburg, VA
Charles Gregory Simpson
Blackstone, VA

Paul Alan Simroth
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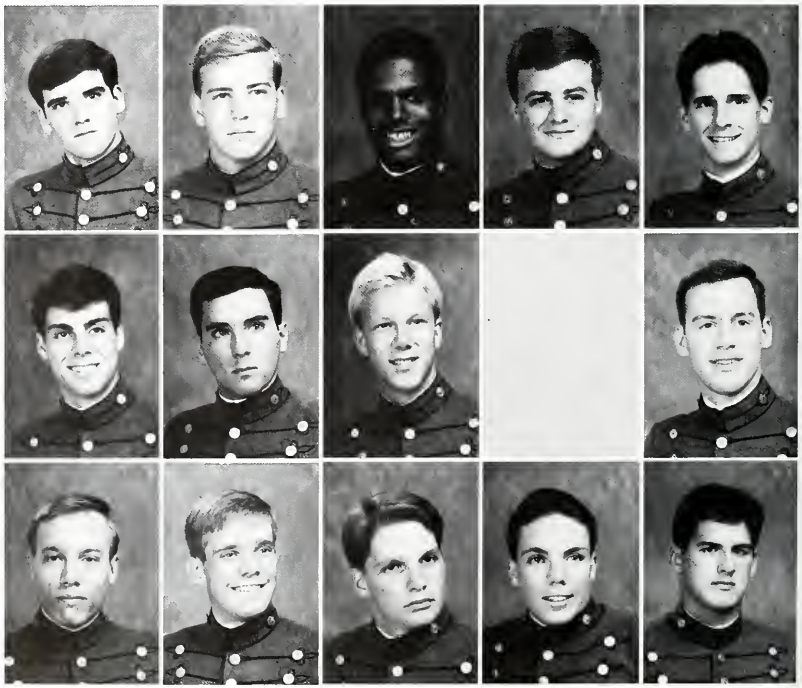
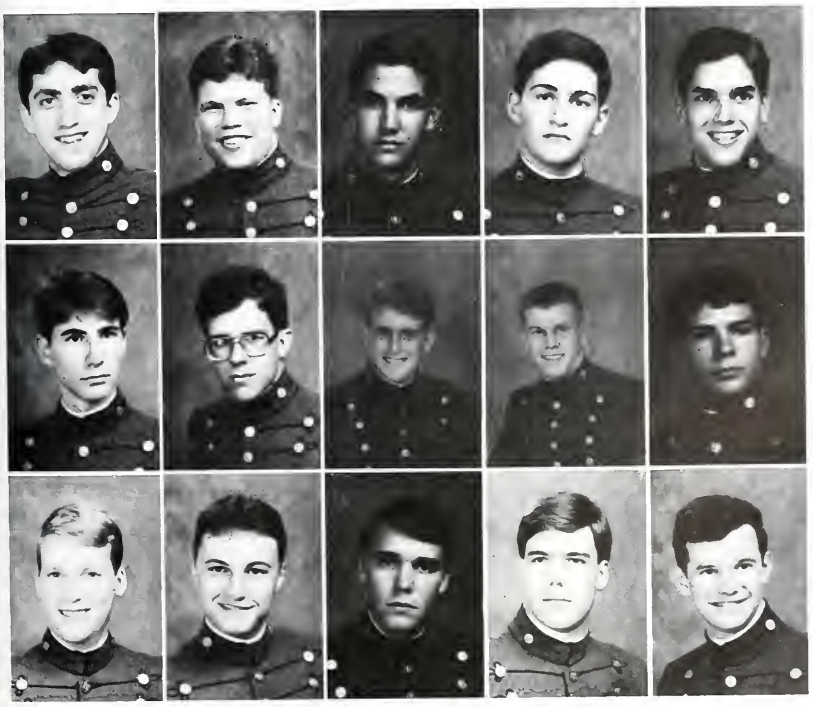


The Rat picnic was a good time for both cadre and Rats to relax, away from the routine of life at VMI.

During cadre week, even boots were expected to be shined.



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Alexandria, VA

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Mobile, AL
John Albert Stevens
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Todd Anthony Tabb
Gainesville, VA

Henry Tabur
Harvard, MA
Jimmy Lee Taggart
Roseland, VA
Edgar Franklin Talbott, III
Grundy, VA
Stephen Lloyd Thacker
Lutherville, MD
Clayton Malcom Thomas, IV
Arlington, VA

Joseph June Thompson, III
Fayetteville, NC
Mark Alexander Thompson
Des Moines, IA
Redmond John Thompson
Virginia Beach, VA
Robert Talley Thompson
Stafford, VA
James Clifton Tinsley
Portsmouth, VA

Bruce Edward Tolley
Bay City, TX
Thuan Hieu Tran
Falls Church, VA
Hamil Arthur Travis
Benton, KY
John Randolph Tucker
Lexington, VA
James Hugh Urie, Jr.
Reston, VA

John Roderick Urquhart
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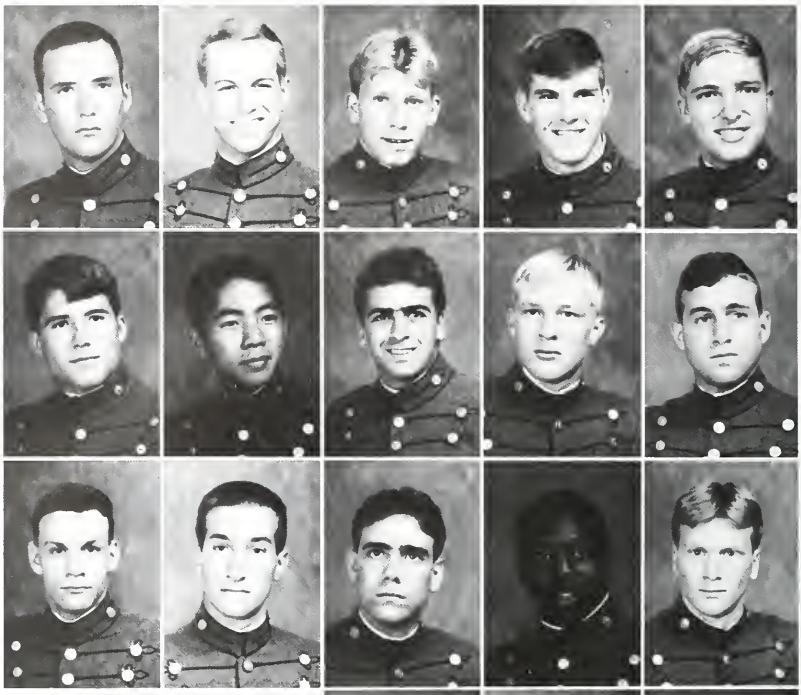
James Sidney Walker
Pasadena, MD



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Eugene M. Walton, IV
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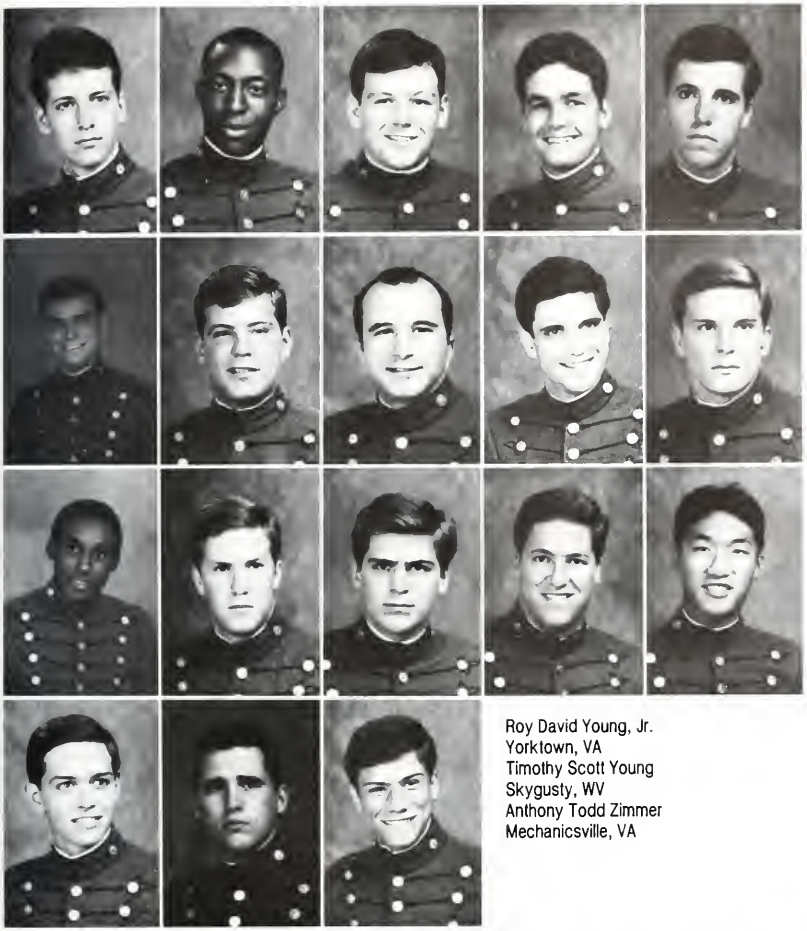
One more look at life at VMI



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Hampton, VA
Gregory Wayde Weddle
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Richard Hunt Weede
Washington, DC
Daniel William Whalen
Allison Park, PA

Gordon Rawlings White, III
New Bern, NC
Eric Scott Whiteman
Wilmington, DE
Arthur Davis Whittaker, Jr.
Kinsale, VA
Daniel Ernst Williams
Virginia Beach, VA
Steven William Wilson
Virginia Beach, VA

Darrell Gerard Winfield
Petersburg, VA
William Putman Wolcott
Norfolk, VA
John Charles Wolfe
Charlottesville, VA
Roy Franklin Woolwine
Richmond, VA
Gary-John Gilbert Yap
Manassas, VA

Roy David Young, Jr.
Yorktown, VA
Timothy Scott Young
Skygusty, WV
Anthony Todd Zimmer
Mechanicsville, VA

Did someone say that the TCFC sells subs?

During cadre, the corporals' job seemed endless.

Cpl. Rainer enjoys one of the pleasures that come with duty company.

Cadre corporals had a key position prior to the integration of the Rats into Old Corps ranks.

Gordon McKinley finds that Parents Weekend brings an increase in the number of status slips delivered.

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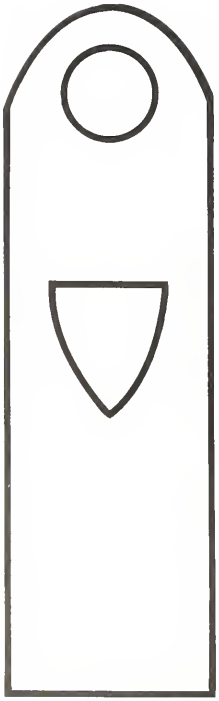

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The first. and somewhat painful, step towards becoming a Cadet . . . the first Rat haircut.

Matriculants of the Class of 1987 await their turn during the long indoctrination process known as **Cadre.**

Claude Ashley Abernathy, Jr.
Richmond, VA
Charles Monroe Allgood, Jr.
Boydton, VA
Sheppard Kellam Ames, III
Gloucester Point, VA
Richard Edward Anders
Springfield, VA
Michael Andersen
Staunton, VA

Luis Eduardo Arce
St. Georges, Grenada
Michael Brent Arementrout
Stuarts Draft, VA
Scott Russell Armstrong
Lebanon, TN
Eugene Joseph Arnold, Jr.
Camp Hill, PA
Jeremy Quano Arnaiz
Riverside, CA

Todd Emory Arris
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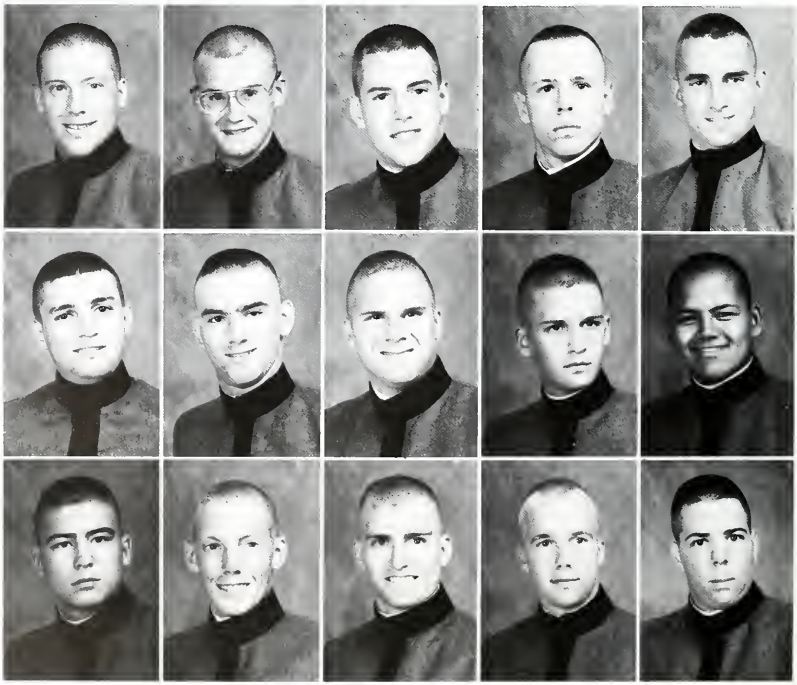
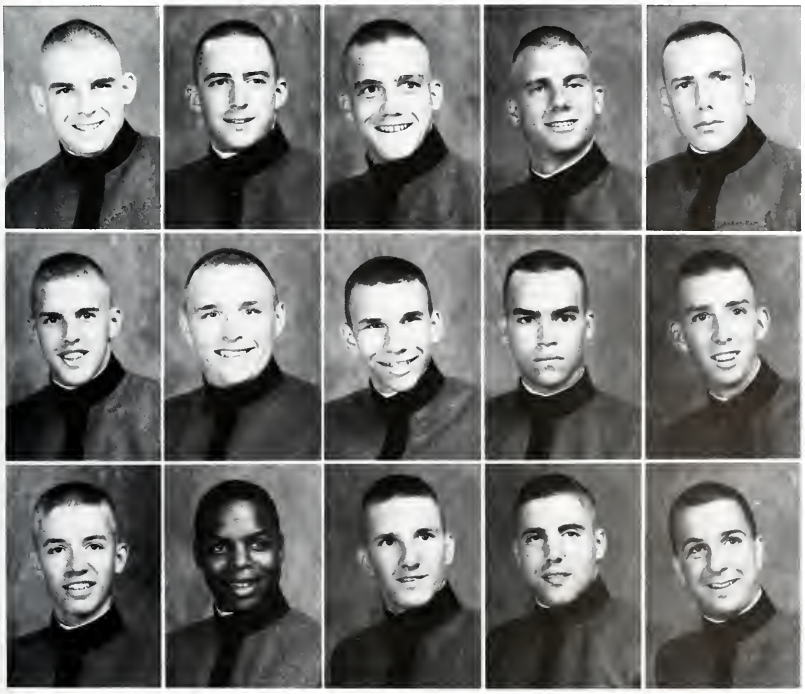
Ridgefield, CT



One of the first tasks begun by a Rat is memorization of the Pertinent Information contained in his Rat Bible.

Still clad in civilian clothes, the new matriculants assume a position which will become all too familiar in the coming months.



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Dean Ashton Barr
Unionville, PA
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Lovettsville, VA
Mark Copeland Bartholf
Alexandria, VA
Edward Anthony Baruch
Potomac, MD

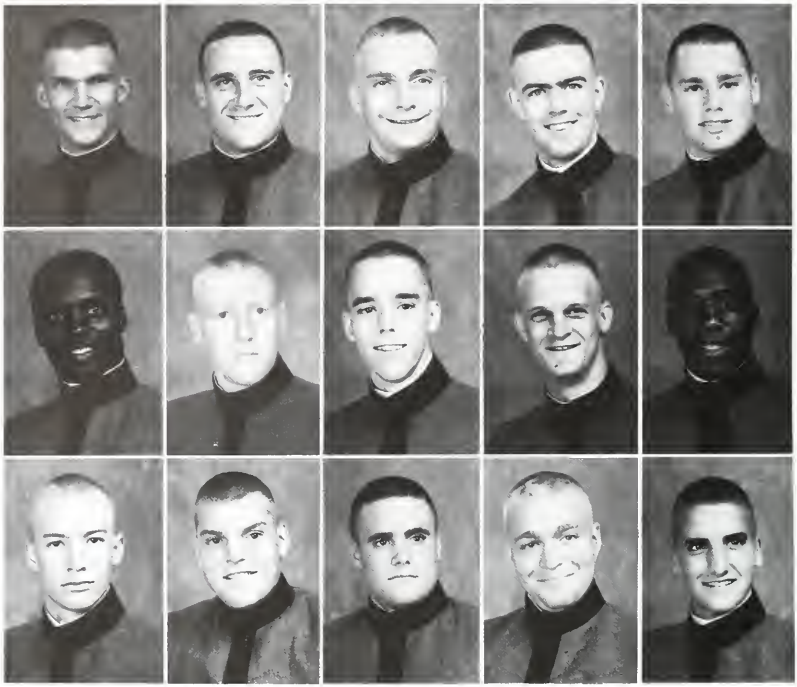
James Earl Bean
Salem, VA
Scott Daniel Berger
Peru, IL
William Alan Berneski
Wilkes-Barre, PA
Hugh Joseph Bettendorf
Winchester, VA
William Davis Beyer
Brookfield, WI

James Wilson Bierman, Jr.
Trumbull, CT
John Robert Blackwell
Baltimore, MD
William Herbert Blanton
White Post, VA
Steven Bradley Blinn
Cherry Hill, NJ
Thomas Bruce Bones
Richmond, VA

John Stamper Boughton
Dallas, TX
Eric Ashley Bowman
Chapel Hill, NC
Anthony Steven Brads
Buena Vista, VA
Paul Joseph Brannigan
Ashville, PA
Earl Fritz Braunlich
Wheeling, WV

Trent Anthony Bridges
Rochester, NY
James Michael Bright
Muenster, TX
Clark Moore Bristol
Baton Rouge, LA
Thomas Clarke Brooks
Midlothian, VA
Jeffery R. Brown
Wakefield, VA

Michael Edward Brown
Nashville, TN
Wilson Morris Brown
Raleigh, NC
Bradley Arthur Brzozinski
West Islip, NY
James Clifford Bunn, III
Ashland, VA
Louis Michael Buonpane
North Haven, CT



Alpha Company Rats, chairs in hand, head down the stoop for another Cadre stoop talk.
The Cadre's version of "hurry up and wait" proves to be a good test of endurance for the new Rats.

Todd Eric Burdette
Stewartsville, NJ
Robert Kevin Burns
Cary, NC
Daniel Edward Butler
Fairfax, VA
Robert Ernest Buxton, Jr.
Exeter, NH
Harold B. Byrne
Weston, CT

Steven Cary Cade
Roanoke, VA
William Evans Callahan
Atlanta, GA
Andrew Clark Campi
West Long Branch, NJ
Ronald Lee Carr
Austin, MN
Peter John Carty
Williamsport, PA

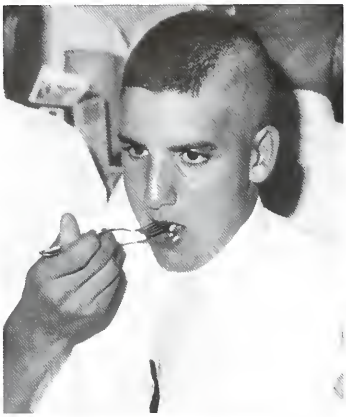
Michael Elliott Cestaro
Vienna, VA
Bradford Chandler, III
West Redding, CT
Lap The Chau
Roanoke, VA
Timothy Michael Chester
Richmond, VA
Junho Chi
Woodbridge, VA

Honor Court President. Chris Caplice, briefs the new matriculants on the VMI Honor Code.

Bravo Company Rats receive their Honor Court briefing from Honor Court Vice President, Barry Mines.

Putting down a good base. Tom Gore finds, is essential to obtaining a passable spitshine.

James Mallis finds his knowledge of Pertinent Information is somewhat lacking, and is reprimanded by his Corporal for the shortcoming.



Louis Buonpane exercises his new set of table manners acquired, at no extra charge, upon matriculation.

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South Fork, PA
Troy Lee Clark
Buena Vista, VA
David Caswell Cochran
Roanoke, VA
Keith Shelby Coffey
Buena Vista, VA
Clifton Marcellus Coger
Rocky Mount, VA

Tony Leo Corbo
Wayne, NJ
Brian Irvin Cornwell
Alexandria, VA
Mark Alan Corrice
Ogdensburg, NY
Joseph Francis Coughlin
Springfield, VA
Craig Hoffoss Covert
Roanoke, VA

Michael Hayward Cowan
Hood, VA
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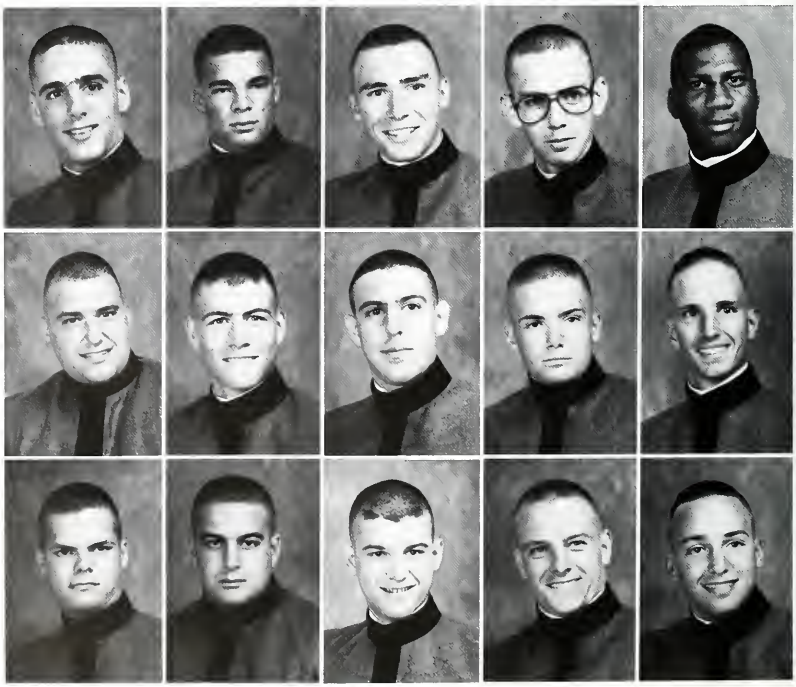
Middletown, OH



Bravo Company Rats, under the guidance of Sgt. Walt McMann, "Drill on the Hill" in the hot August sun of Cadre.

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Woodbridge, VA
Eric Jonathan Davis
Pittsburgh, PA
Raymond Joseph Davis, Jr.
Haddonfield, NJ
William Jesse Davis
Aston, PA
Michael Kern Dawson
Aaronsburg, PA

Edward Parker Devens
Huntington, WV
James Tansey Devens
Blacksburg, VA
Kenneth Ray Devero, II
Ft. Worth, TX
Charles Matthew Dick
Front Royal, VA
Robert Anthony Dionisio
Seaside Heights, NJ

Christopher Paul Douglas
Auburn, NY
Charles Braxton Dozier
Lanham, MD
Paul Harrison Duray, Jr.
Westwood, MA
Verl F. Dyer
Brooksville, NE
Charles Darren Early
Harrisonburg, VA

Robert Allen Eaton
Roanoke, VA
Robert William Eckhoff, Jr.
East Setauket, NY
Charles Ernest Edgar, IV
Alexandria, VA
Gregory Lynwood Ellis
Alexandria, VA
Colin Blair Elster
Arlington, VA

Charles Don Erb, jr.
Short Hills, NJ
Jonathan Twain Eubank
Singapore
Andrew Scott Evans
Orange, VA
Michael Robert Evans
Tampa, FL
Martin Curtis Ewald
Savona, NY

Thomas Kirkland Farleigh
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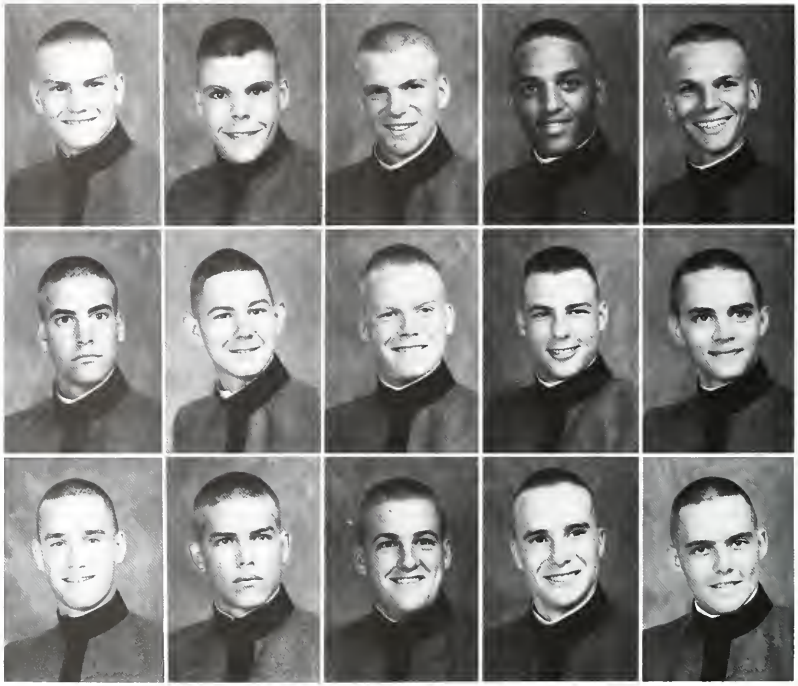
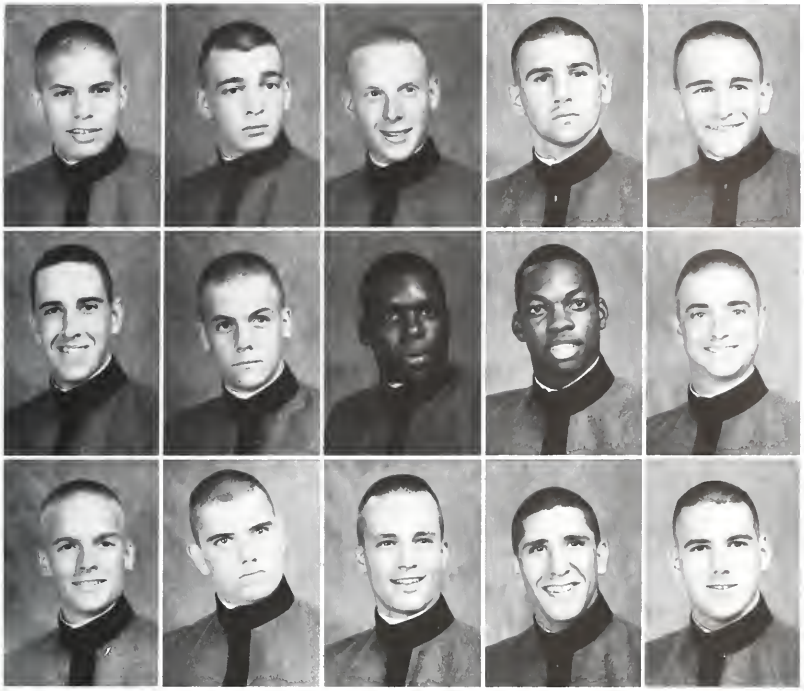
Monte Clark Ferguson
Rocky Mount, VA



Marching down to the Mess Hal



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Denis John Fitzpatrick
Richmond, VA
Douglas Lee Flynn, III
Roanoke, VA
Jonathan Alan Forbes
Croton-on-Hudson, NY
Terry Edward Fortune
Greensboro, NC
Jonathan Carter Freeman
Richmond, VA

Randolph Danner Friend
Mobile, AL
William Thomas Fuller
Erwin, NC
David Jeffery Furness
Mechanicsburg, PA
Adrian Anthony Garcia
Annandale, VA
Reid Ashby Garst, II
Salem, VA

Eating at attention doesn't keep Steven Baird from enjoying his morning meal.

Charles Allgood finds dining with Mr. Sullivan, and Mr. Martin at the RDC Table anything but enjoyable.

The position . . .front three inches of the chair, back straight, eyes on the table . . . only at VMI.

Time out from the rigors of the Ratline, the Rat Picnic gives the class of 1987 a chance to relax after a tough Cadre period.

Another Cadre Corporal receives a well deserved soaking at the hands of his Rats.

Fanandus Gayle
Newport News, VA
Jeffrey Ogle Gines
Spring Arbor, MI
Steven Nelson Glenn
Lexington, VA
Victor Marcos Gonzalez
New Orleans, LA
Robert Bently Goodwin, jr.
Roanoke, VA

Thomas Daniel Gore
Virginia Beach, VA
James Regan Greenburg
Blackville, SC
Alan Stacy Greene
Fredericksburg, VA
James Randolph Greene
Milford, MA
Edward Dunn Gregory
Rustburg, VA

Brooks Scott Gruber
Sherborn, MA
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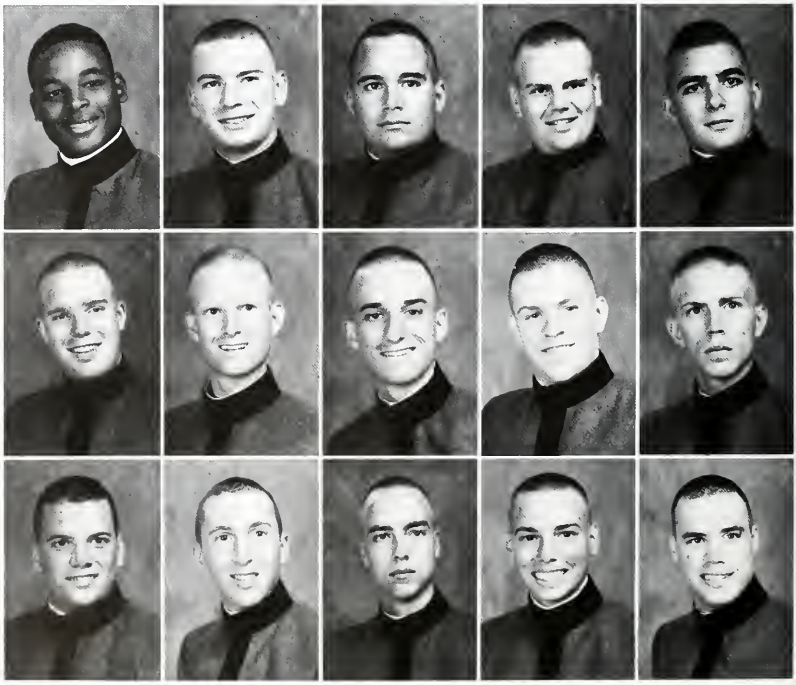
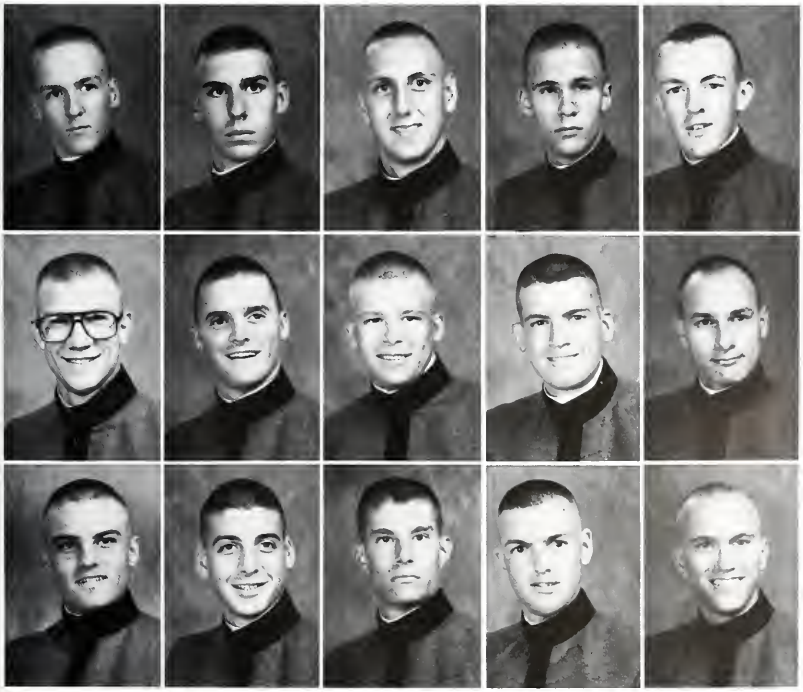
Beltsville, MD



A refreshing dip in the cool waters of the Maury at Goshen, and VMI seems miles away.

Revenge for the Rats is finally realized at the Rat Picnic . . . "Suck it up Sir!"



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John Bowman Harvill, III
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Michael Loren Hastings
Rochester, NH

Kurt Walter Hauk
Sunbury, PA
Rick Charles Heine
Virginia Beach, VA
Michael Henry Hinckle
Roanoke, VA
Robert Lee Hinson, III
Newport News, VA
William Valiant Hogan
Mystic Islands, NJ

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Prescott, AZ
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Suffock, VA

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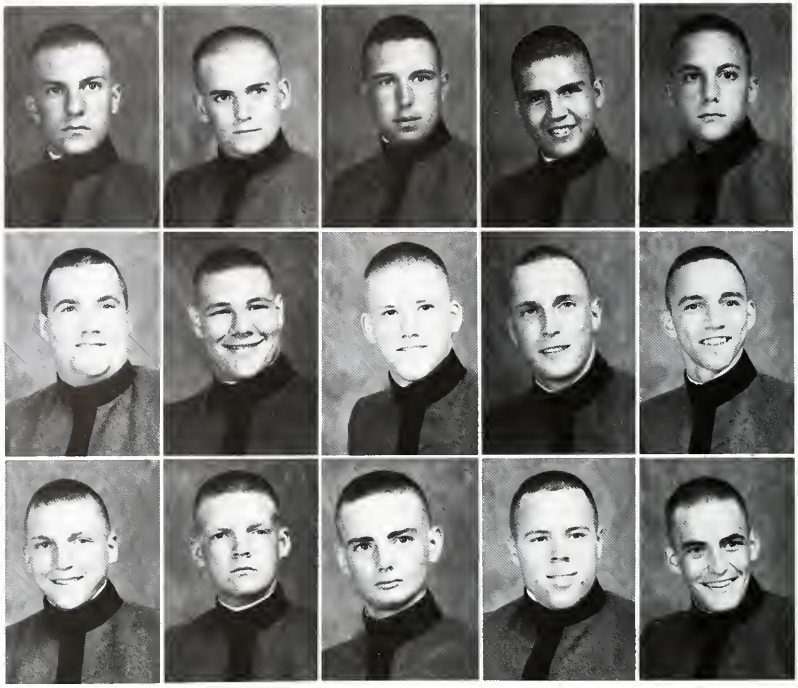
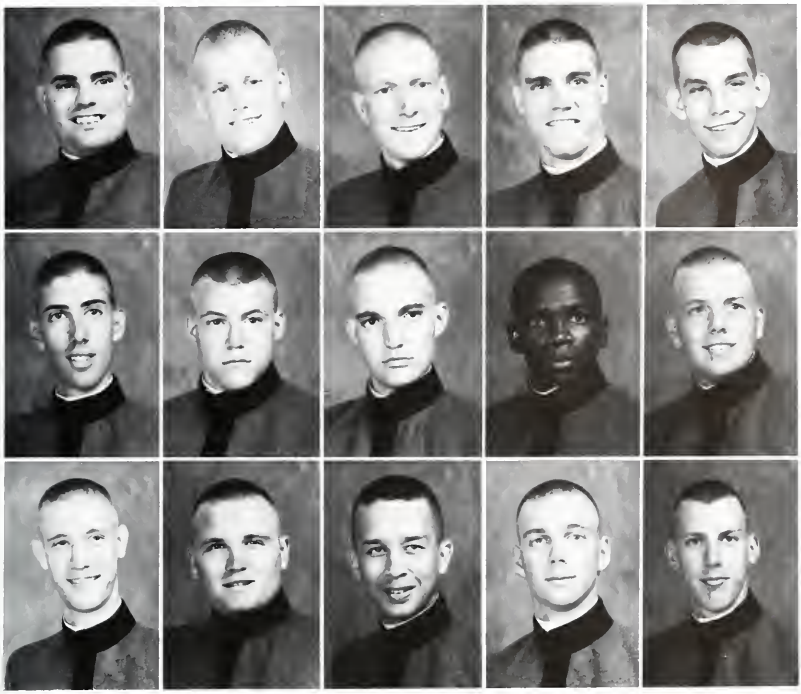


The tiring routine of a Rat occasionally requires rest, wherever and whenever one may find it.

Putting down his hay after a long hard day seems to be one of the few truly pleasurable tasks afforded a Rat.



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Taking time out from his studies, Thomas Politano poses for a candid shot with his roommates.

As with all good things. Haydown must eventually come to an end . . . even if it is only six-thirty in the morning.

A well deserved "Cheezitz" break offers some relief from a hectic night of studying.

Mom's foodbox gives a welcome respite from the "delicacies" available at the Rat X.

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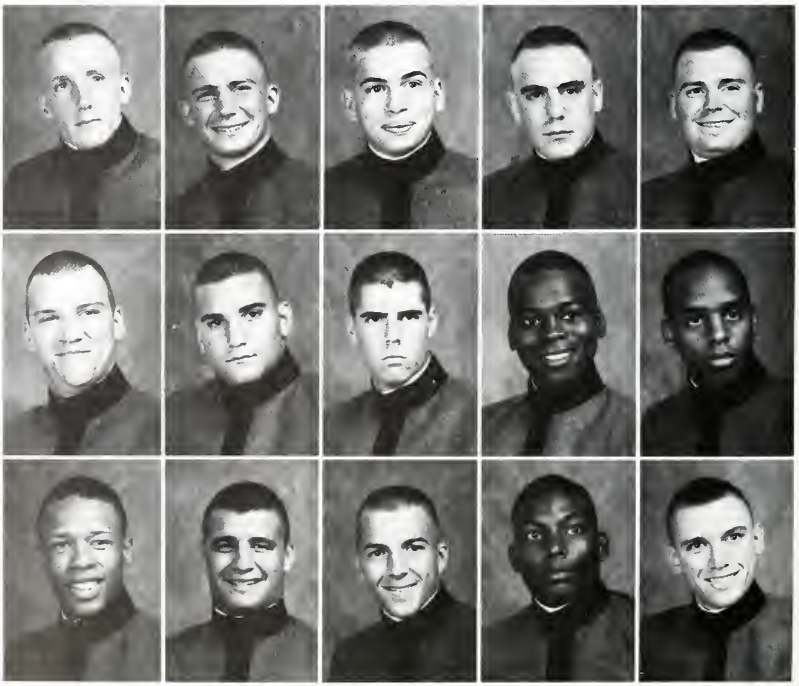
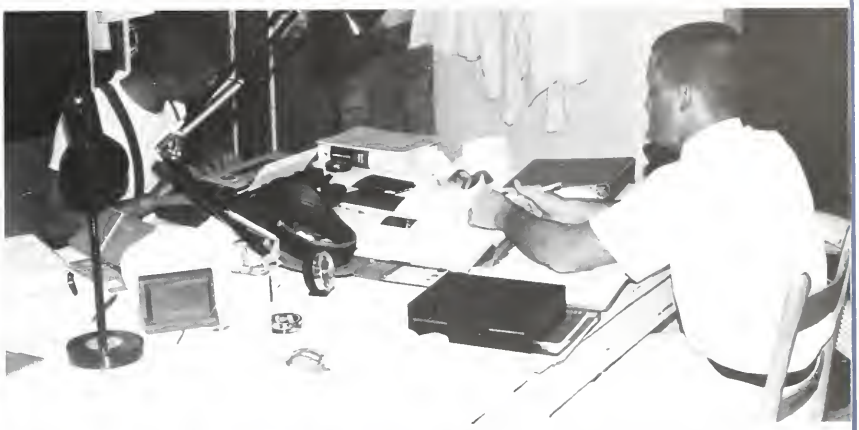
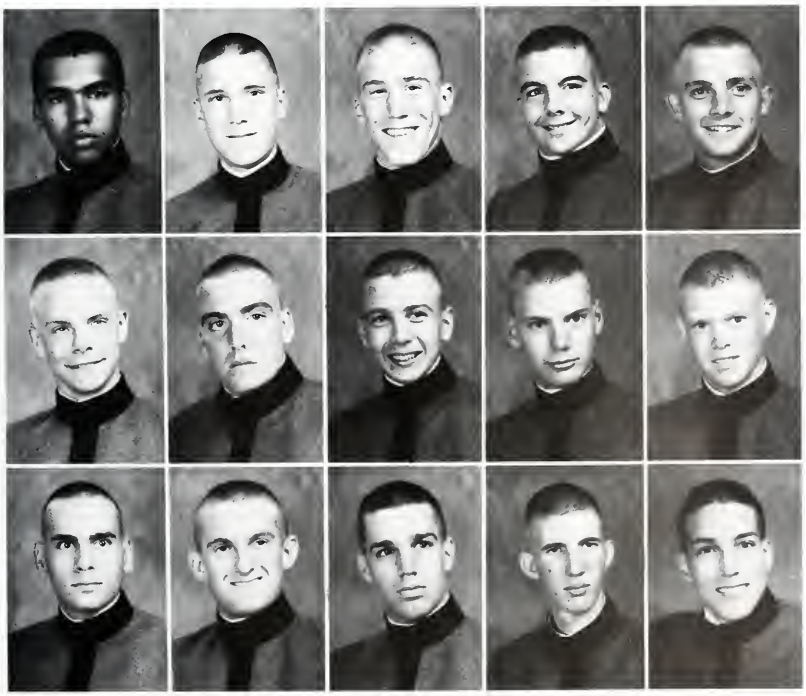


One of the few "good deals" found on the fourth stoop . . . vending machines.

The cold reality of college academics settles on the Rats early in the year . . . for many the art of studying must be re-learned.





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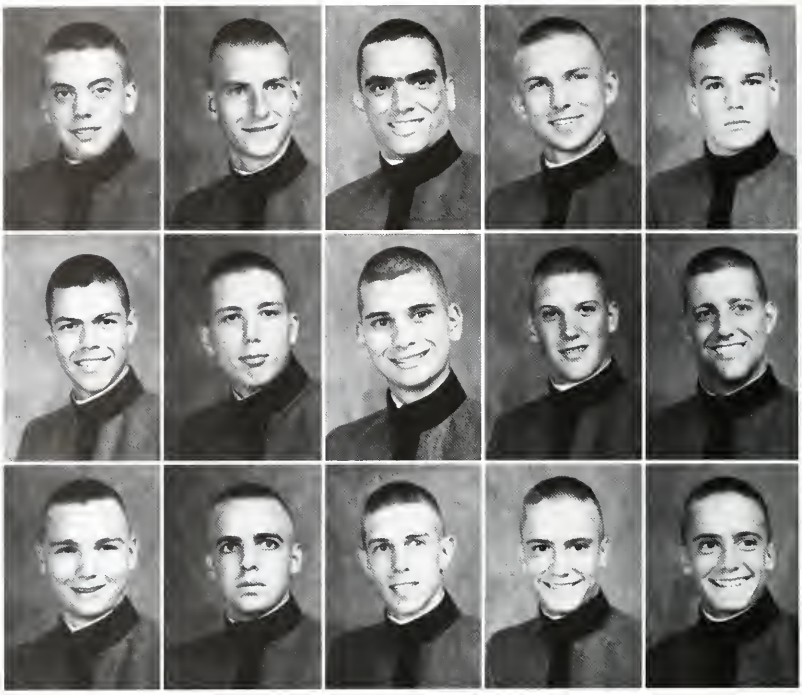
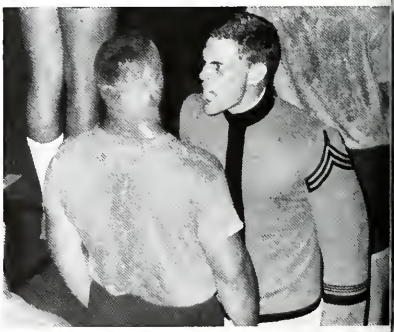
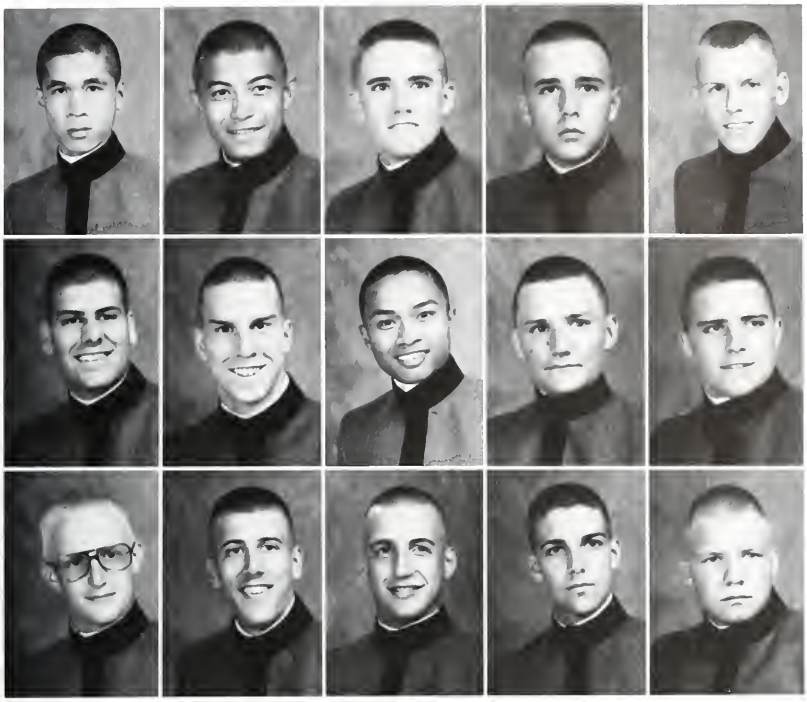




The first sweat party . . . "Rats, meet your dykes **the Class of 1984!"**

Mr. Duncan turns up the heat on this unfortunate Rat.



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A brief rest during the introductory sweat party.

"Get 'em up maggot!"

VMI's short-lived GUMBY mascot is unveiled during the pre-Citadel Game Pep Rally.

Another aspect of the VMI competitive spirit is displayed in the Spirit Sheets designed by the Rat Companys.

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Reynolds Bishop Renshaw
Annandale, Va.

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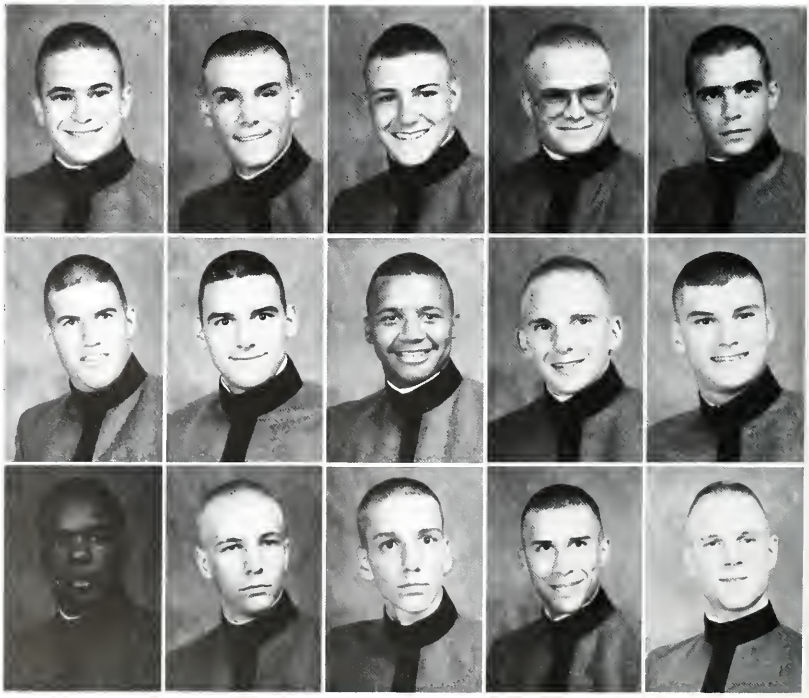
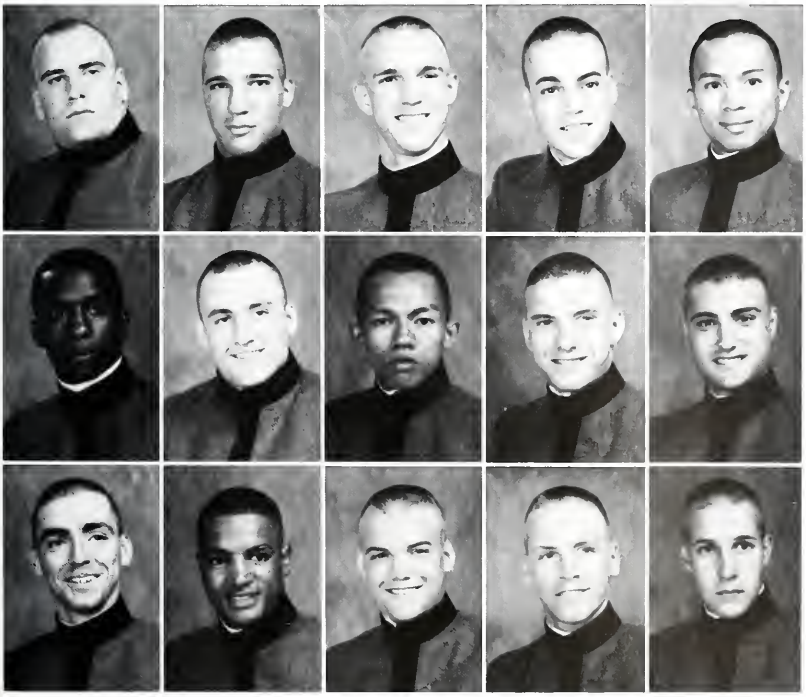


Caught up in the spirit of a VMI Pep Rally.

Designing the Spirit Sheet . . . a team effort.



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Appleton, Wisc.
Kent Patton Sparks
Dayton, Tenn.

Joseph Brian Spegele
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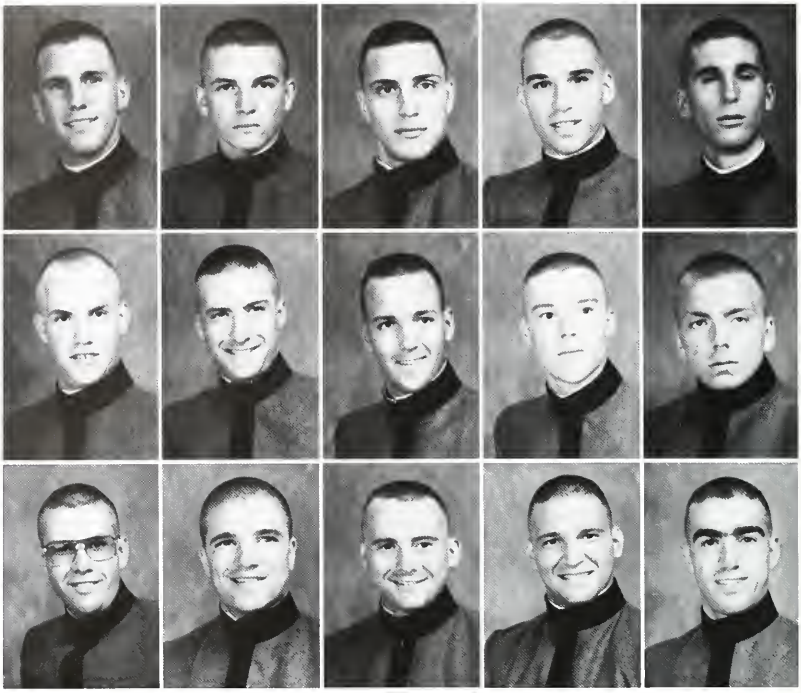
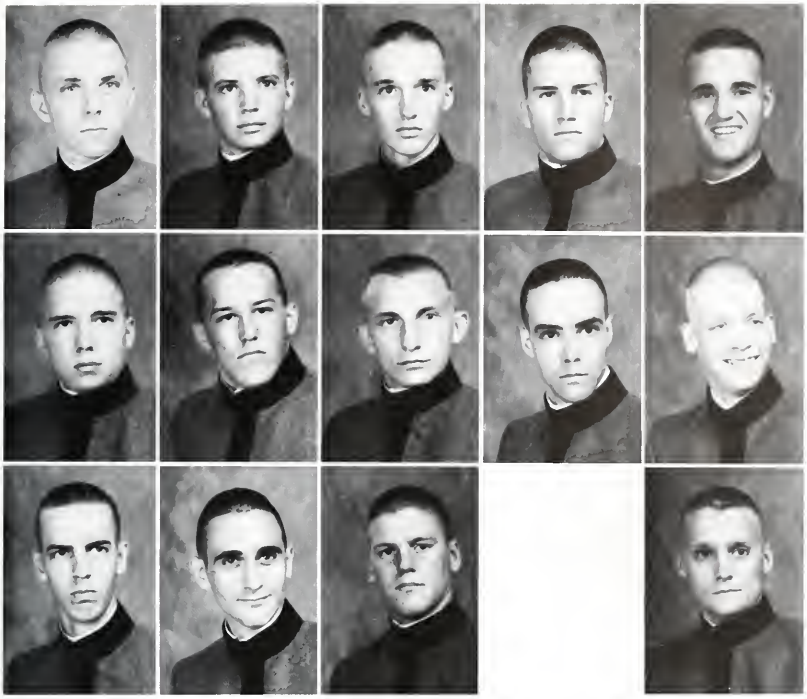


"The weekend is over Rats . . . rack it in!!"

Raping the "First Rat Sentinel.



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Richmond, Va.

Rats learn rifle manual with their new M-14.

"Third stoop, sir you are improperly dressed."

Master Sergeant Adamus "suggests" room corrections.

Restacking hays to meet Mr. Mines' high level of standards.

In search of the ever ellusive "Rat Radio."

Wilfrid Cooper Trammell
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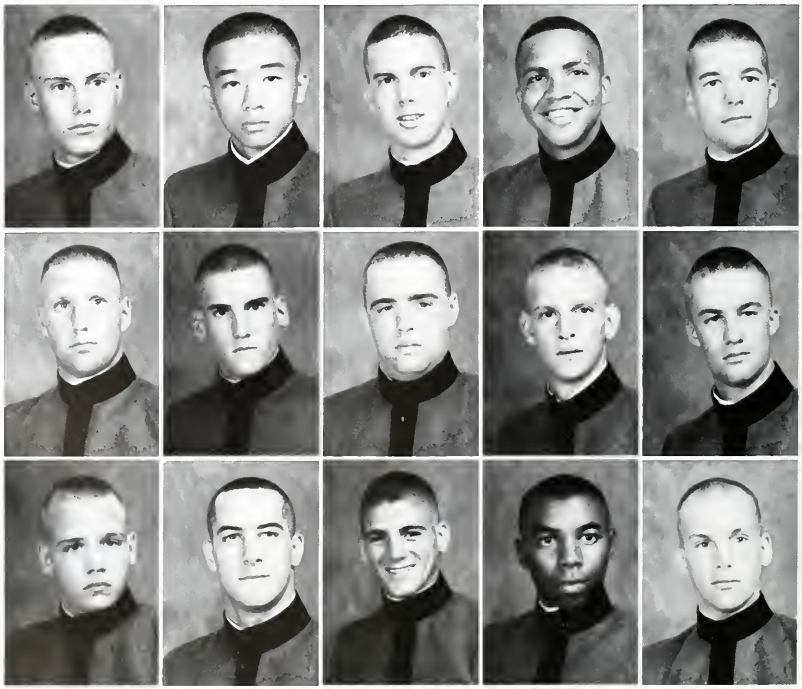
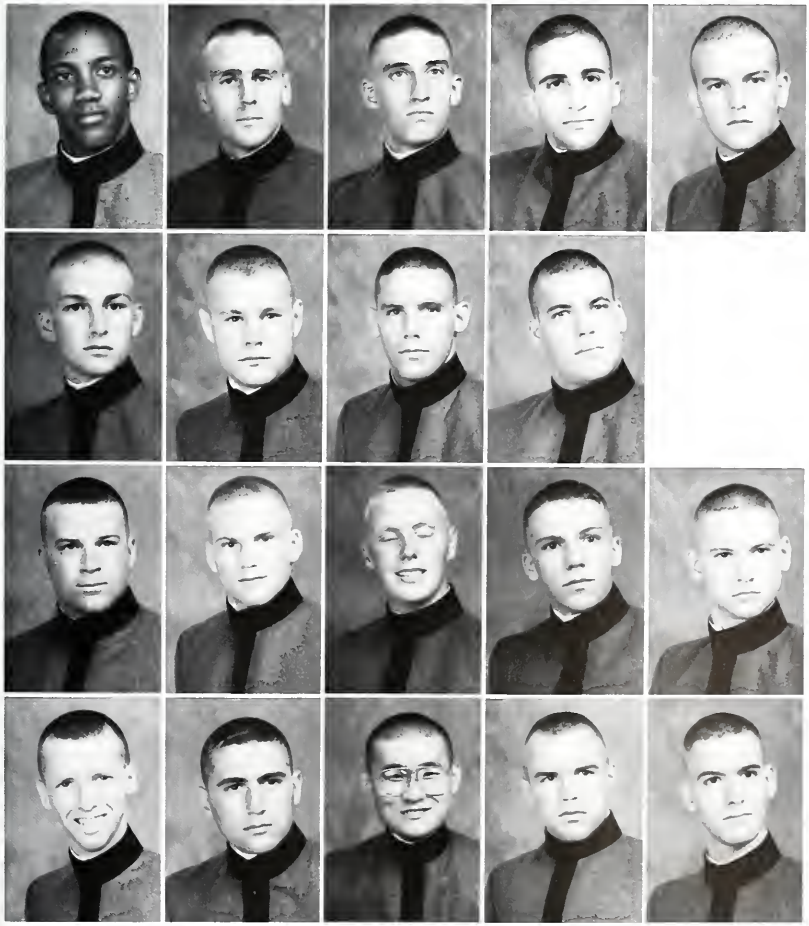


Echo Company Staff inspects their Rat's Misc Boxes during SNI.



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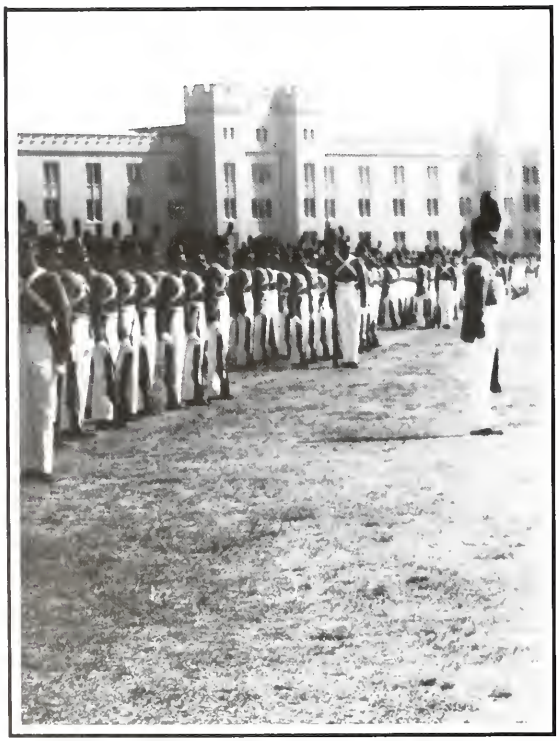

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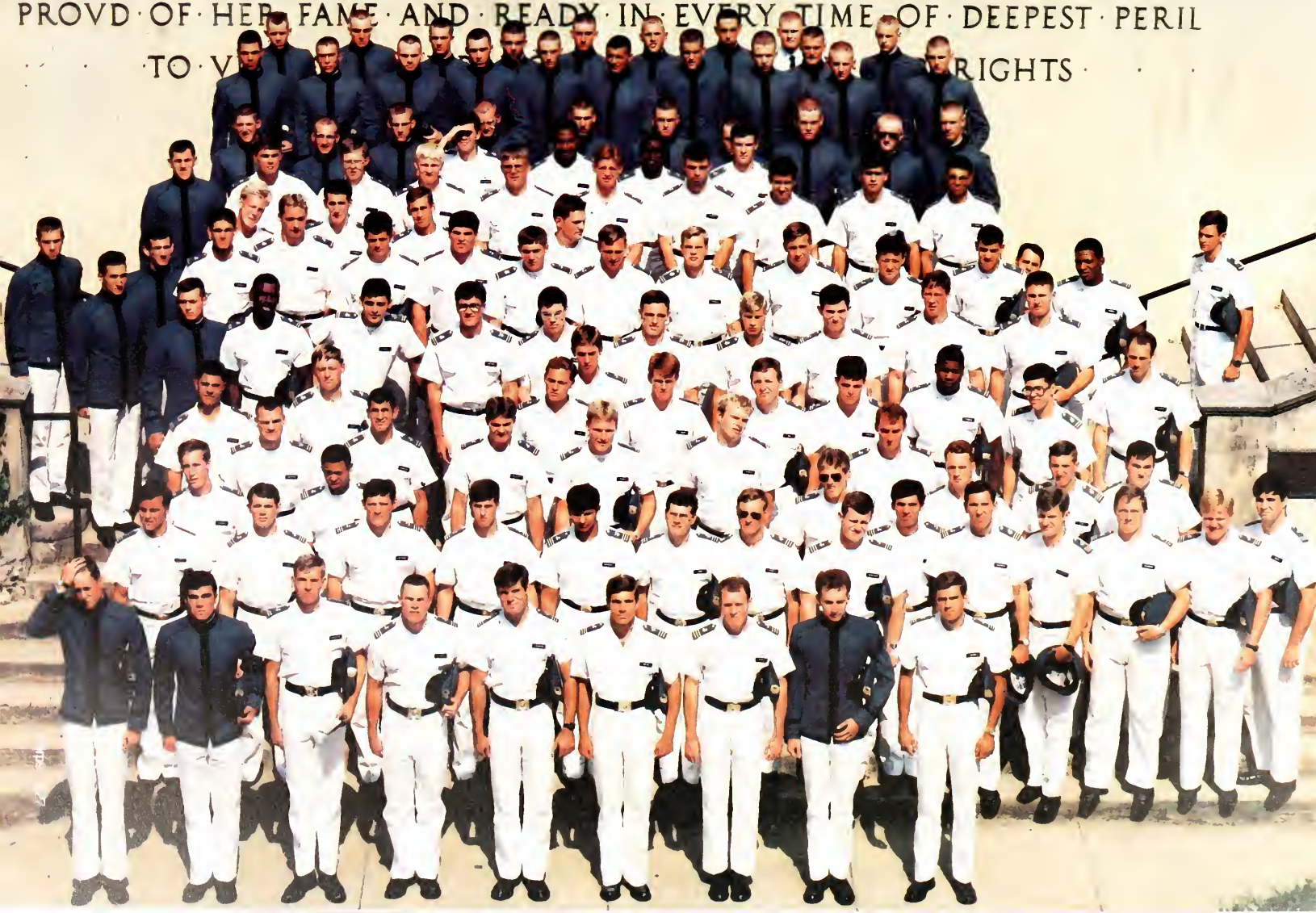

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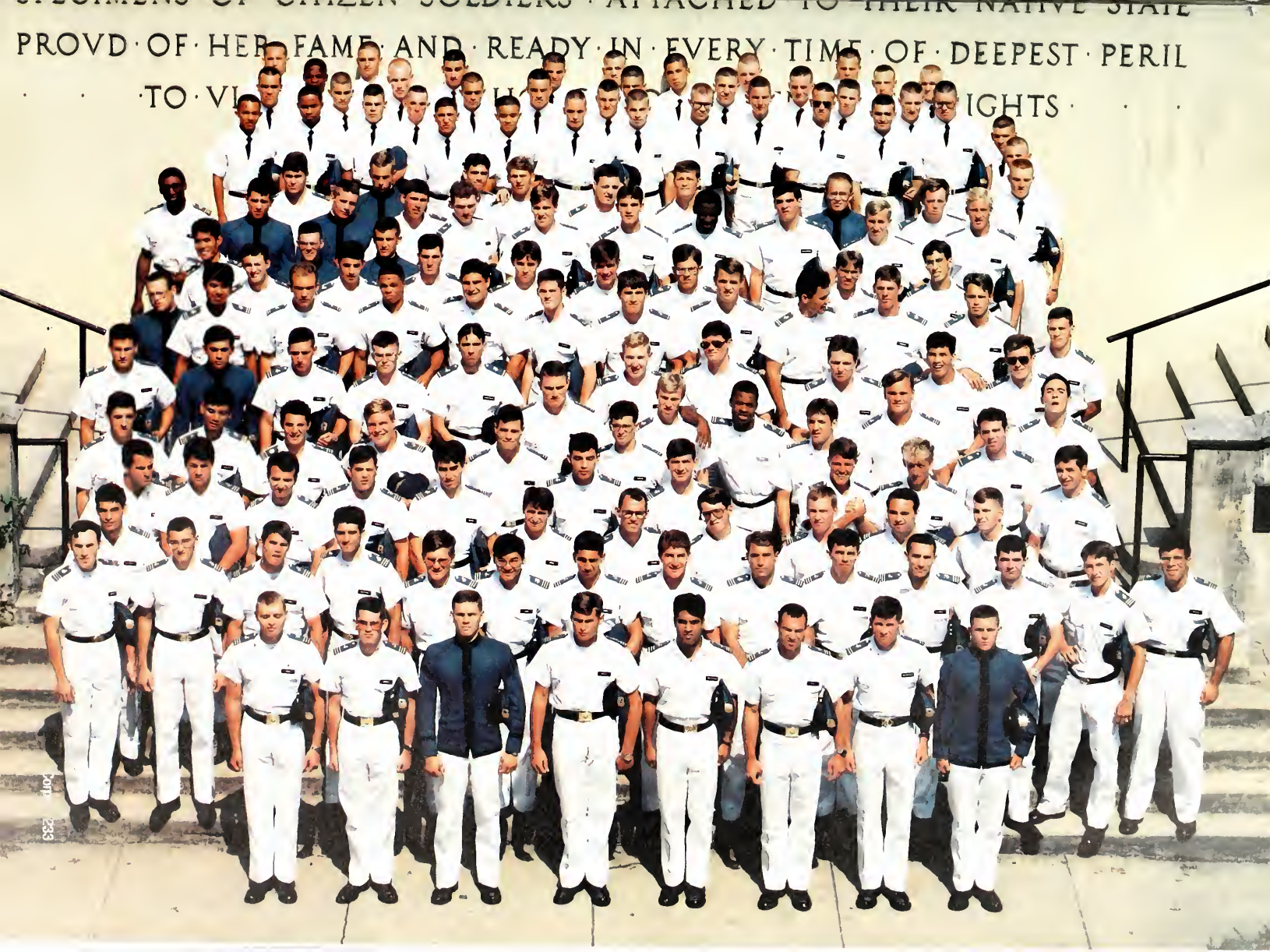
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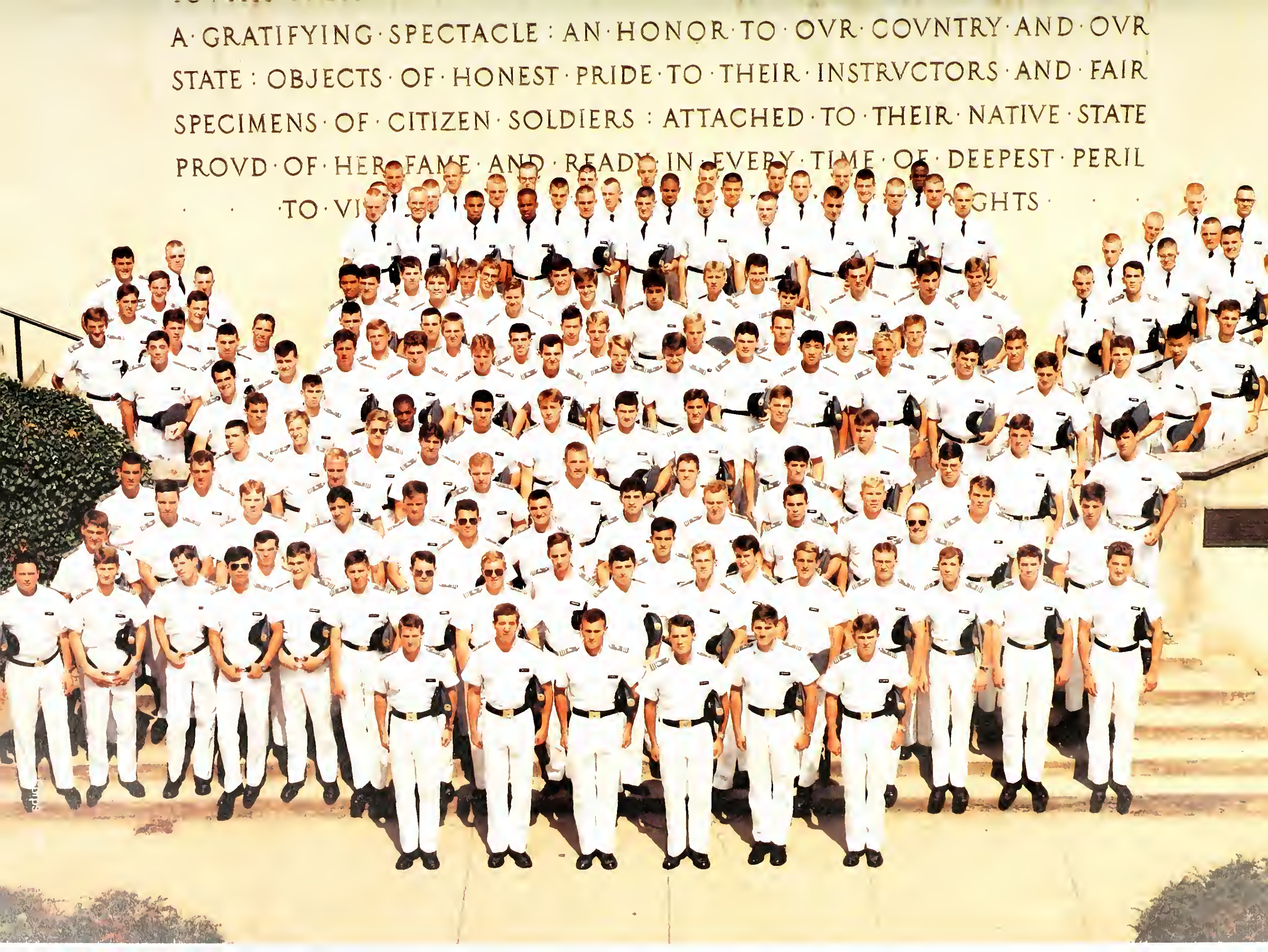
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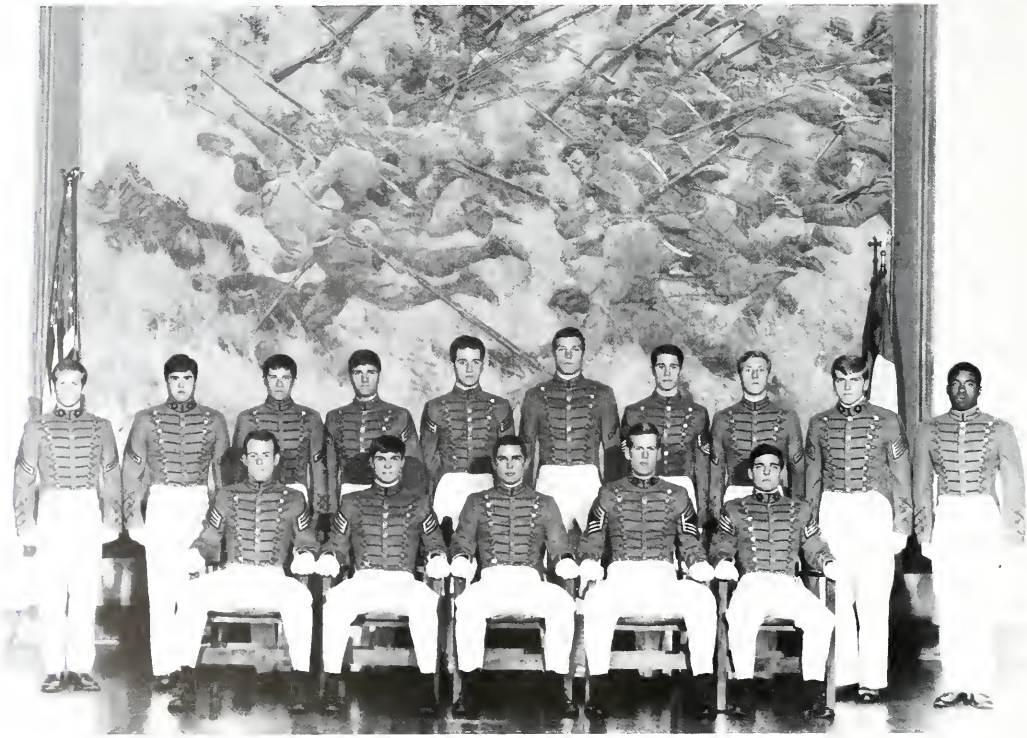

Considered an abstract and anachronistic concept by today's standards, honor still remains a living entity to all those who have entered limits gates and resided there as a Cadet. Personal Integrity, to the VMI Man, involves more than just virtue, it is instinctive.

Every Cadet accepts and performs the duty of protecting and maintaining the precious set of ideals which constitute the VMI Honor Code. Such selfless devotion originates from neither the fear of reprisal nor the hope of approbation, but is simply the result of honor for honor's sake.

In an age where the very moral fibre of society is in question and the value of honesty is almost non-existant, it is satisfying to know that at VMI, honor is not compromised for comfort, but is instead, wholeheartedly held and cherished by the Corps of Cadets.

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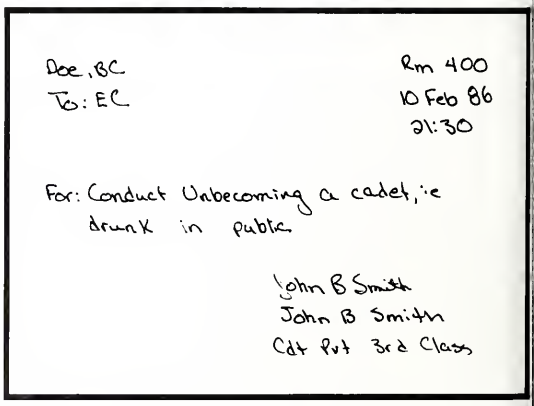
Cadet government as distinguished from the Chain of Command, is vested in the General and Executive Committees.

These committees, acting in the name of the Corps, and concerned chiefly with the appearance, discipline, and conduct of the Corps, are charged with maintaining and improving the reputation and respect which the VMI Corps of Cadets has traditionally enjoyed.

The General Committee is concerned with maintaining discipline within the Corps. It hears cases involving violations of class privileges and is authorized to issue penalty tours and confinement.

The Executive Committee is concerned with upholding the appearance and conduct of the Corps in public. It hears all cases that tend to reflect adversely on the high standards of the Corps.

Both the General and Executive Committees are authorized by the Superintendent. The rules are published each year for the information of the Corps. Ignorance of these published rules is no excuse.



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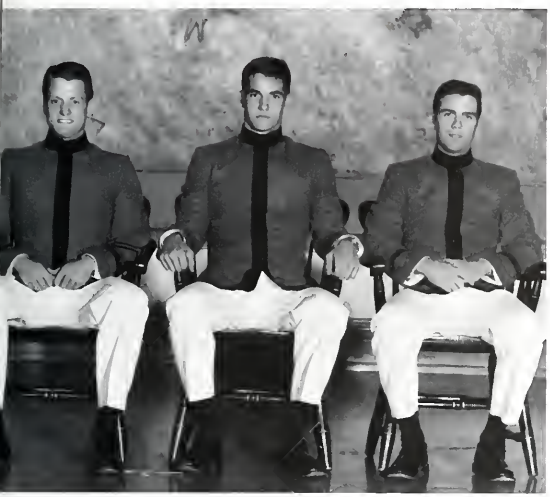
An E.C. card is the means by which Cadets inform the E.C. of the violations and the violators.

The E.C. and G.C.



Third Class Officers: President — David V. Spears, Vice President — Timothy J. Keilty, Historian — David C. Moore.

E.C./G.C. Secretaries: Matt Garten, and Clay Goss.

Second Class Officers: President — James B. Chartier, Vice President — John J. Lee, III, Historian — Matt Daniels.

Rat Disciplinary Committee

The 1961-2 session saw the inception of a new organization in barracks; not so new in principle as in name and method of achieving its intended purpose. The name of this group is the Rat Disciplinary Committee, and its purpose, as implied by its title, is to correct all rats who have strayed from the set of rules known as Rat Restrictions. These unique, Corps-imposed regulations (thirty-six in all) require Rats to learn all school songs and yells and a myriad of facts pertinent to the Institute and its history. They further restrict the Rat's movements in barracks by requiring him to "walk the Rat Line in a military manner at all times." Most of the rules are designed to instill discipline and due respect for authority in the New Cadet; a few of the rules are designed for the convenience of upperlassmen, for example: A rat shall "not visit the barber shop on days when inspection in ranks is held." Any upperclassman has the authority to send the rat-deviate to the Committee.

The Rat Disciplinary Committee has been developed under much more formal lines than its predecessor, the Officers of the Guard Association. The RDC, as it is commonly called, is now a subsidiary of the General Committee, and the RDC chairman is automatically a member of the General Committee. The old "battle drill" tours are no more, having been replaced by penalty tours and confinement. An added feature for the wayward rodents is a series of after-supper visits to the 5th stoop for further corrective action. Among the activities a Rat may find awaiting him are push-ups, "straining," and Rat Bible quizzes.

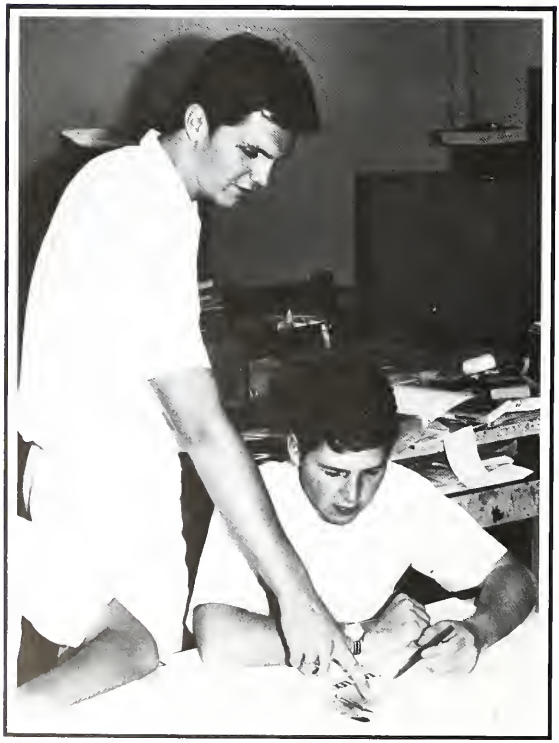
Excerpt from the **1962 BOMB.**

The original officers of the elected 1984 Rat Disciplinary Committee.

The beginning of the end . . . Cadre, August 1983.

Twenty-one years ago, the Rat Disciplinary Committee was formed by the Class of 1962. It replaced the then waning Officer of the Guard Association as the primary instrument within the Corps of Cadets for instilling discipline in the matriculating new cadet classes. Through periodic meetings, new cadets who were considered deficient in discipline would appear before the committee where they were assigned physical workouts as punishment for their many grievous sins. This system of correction, although considered extreme by some factions within the administration, had the affect of forging a common bond of brotherhood within the new classes through common experience. Everyone at one point or another experienced the fury of an RDC visit. Now, after a twenty-one year existence, the committee feared and respected by all is no more. After a short term of normal operation following Cadre this year, the RDC was confronted by the administration on the subject of the unusually high attrition rate of members of the Rat Class. The RDC was asked to consider reducing the penalties it was assigning. The point was considered, but the effect of RDC penalties on the rats was not felt to be a contributing factor in the rats leaving . . . no action was taken. Shortly thereafter, a rash of hazing investigations was begun on members of the RDC resulting in the resignations of a few key members. Among the resigning RDC officers was Steven Sullivan, President of the 1984 RDC. Feeling the heat of increased attention directed towards the activities of the committee members, the RDC went into a period of reformation under its new President, Peter Marsenison. Upon returning from Christmas furlough the RDC was served with an SOP which was to govern the operation and limitations of the new organization. Emerging from the period of quiet was a new RDC . . . one in which penalties including physical workouts no longer existed. The RDC was also limited to a single half hour meeting each week. Additionally it was stated that future RDC members will be appointed on the company level by the Company Commander with final approval left up to the Commandant.

End of an Era?



VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE

ACTIVITIES

VMI Theatre

Jeff Golembiewski enjoys his role in "The Bear."

Alton Malbon, Ed Gainsborg, and Graham Shirley participate in the play, "A Yorkshire School."

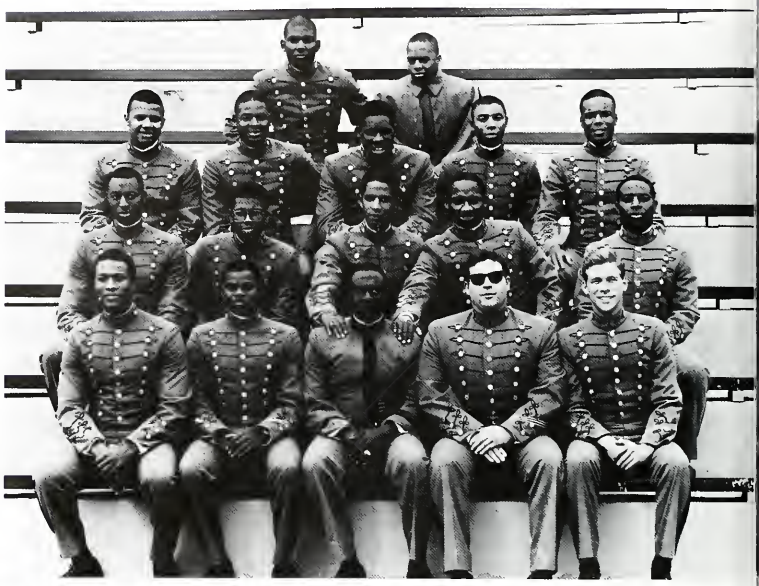
Brent Hearn listens intently during a scene from Hucklebury Finn.

The VMI Theatre is a cadet run organization that provides entertainment for the Corps and the surrounding area. This year's officers were President, Karl Marks; Vice President, Mike Cerol; and Treasurer, Paul Grgas. The faculty advisor was Lt. Col. Harris and the Director was Soellen Bland. The theatre usually puts on two plays a year. First's semesters production consisted of four short adaptations by Joellen Bland. The plays which the adaptations were taken from were the "Imaginary Invalid", "Nicholas Nickleby", "Hucklebury Finn", and "The Bear". Second semester brought the play titled, "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying."

The cast of "The Imaginary Invalid" takes a moment for a dramatic photo.

Promaji Club

Promaji, meaning togetherness, is a club whose main function is to cater to the needs of those cadets in the corps who happen to be black, though it extends and welcomes membership by all cadets facilitating the psirit of unity and fellowship amongst all cadets. Neville Anderson, president.



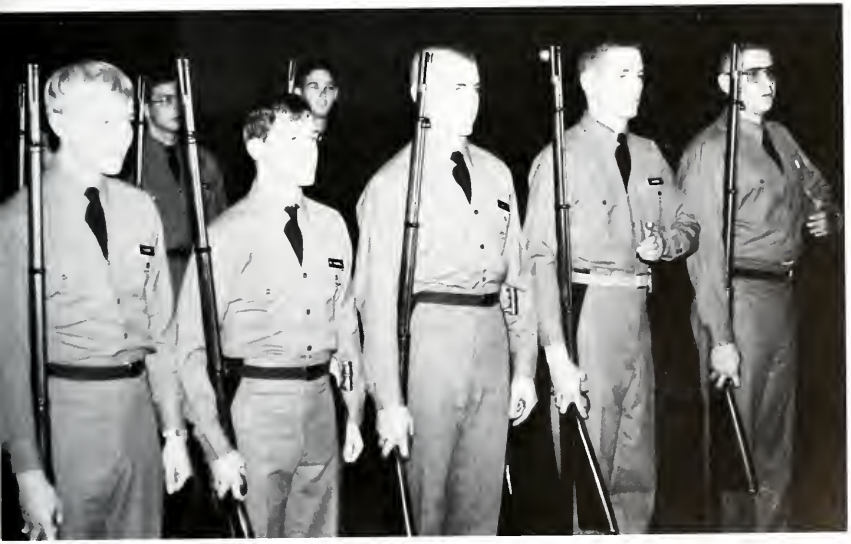
The VMI Militaria Society is the official wargame club of VMI. It is a club geared to the study of past, present, and future military conflicts, by recreating these battles in a boardgame format. In the past, the Militaria Society has competed against wargame clubs from other schools and are themselves planning to host one such tournament in the near future. The Club had a membership of about 35 cadets in the 1984 season. The officers of this years Militaria Society were Ed Gainsburg, president; and E. R. Russell, vice-president.

Militaria Society

Civil War Round Table

The 1984 Round Table has shown a marked increase in membership and participation. They have authenticated their uniforms by buying trivial, yet necessary, items such as proper shoes and shirts. The unit traveled to Richmond as honor guard for an exhibit opening at the Museum of the Confederacy and participated in the New Market, Kernestown and Sailors Creek reinactments. The CWRT is no longer a non-working social club. The Round Table is now an up and coming reinactment unit and shall be heard from more often in the years to come. This year's president was Mike Steen.

The Round Table poses in an impressive ready position.



The CWRT practices close order drill for the upcoming season.

Cadet Program Board

The Cadet Program Board is comprised of eight members; two third classmen, three second classmen, and three first classmen. The purpose of this board is to provide the Corps with an entertainment alternative. The CPB sponsors - movies, bands, and lectures. Members of the Cadet Program Board also serve on the cadet activities committee. This committee governs all registered clubs and activities on post. All in all, the CPB is geared to the Cadets; be it supervising the activities they are involved in, or just providing a well deserved break from the rigors of the "I." First classman Jeff White served as president of this year's Cadet Program Board.

Suzi Shinstock, escorted by Steve Robinson, won Homecoming this year which was sponsored by the CPB.

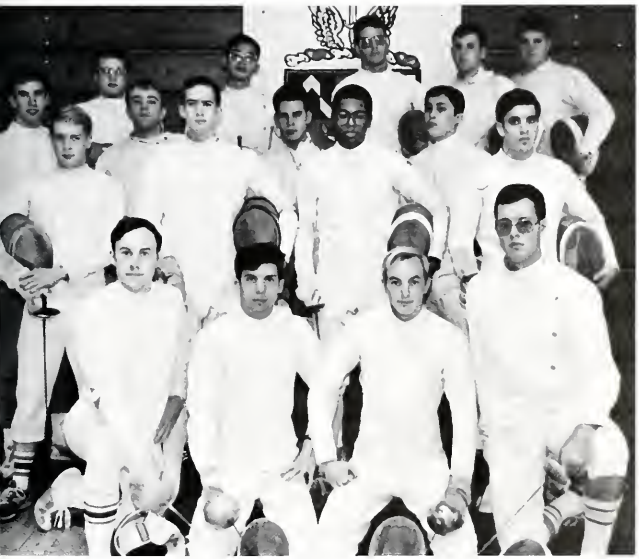
The 1984 Cadet Program Board poses for a leisurely photo.

Fencing Team

Tom Wood's thrust is parried by opponent Mark Carter.

This year's Fencing Team continued their unbroken tradition of winning seasons. In addition to increased American Fencing League Association competition, the team faced off with a number of other colleges. Among these were Navy, the University of North Carolina, North Carolina State, The Citadel, Washington and Lee, William and Mary, and Duke. To finish the season's intercollegiate matches, V.M.I. played host to this year's Virginia Cup, the state championships. As always, they look forward to next year; undoubtedly yet another winning season. Tom Adams was the captain of the 1983-84 team.

Tom Adams, Captain, is locked in a vicious cora-cora with Laurence Fahrney.



A determined Fencing Team takes time out from practice for an impressive photo.

Who's Who

The 1984 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges are: D. J. Adams, A. Q. Agostinelli, T. R. Amador, A. B. Anderson, G. C. Caplice, J. E. Clark, R. A. Foertsch, H. L. Gooch, D. T. Grillone, M. C. Hightower, S. E. Hupp, P. M. Iaderosa, W. R. Janis, J. D. Kenkel, R. E. Knarr, F. R. Kollmansperger, T. F. Lessig, J. F. McCormick, J. D. Minehan, B. S. Mines, J. M. Morgan, J. L. W. Noell, A. A. Protogyrou, J. L. Roach, L. K. Samuelson, J. J. Scanlon, J. R. Shannon, T. D. Stanley, M. S. Sullivan, D. M. Troutman, S. M. Woolwine.

The Monogram Club is an organization made up of the varsity letter winners and is the largest club at VMI. Our function is to provide entertainment for the corps and the surrounding schools in the well known VMI style. This style includes wild music, women, and parties. Thanks to president Kemper Wharton and members Anthony Agostinelli and Dave Phillips, the 1984 Zollomans parties were better than ever.

Monogram Club

Glee Club

The 1983-84 Glee Club, under the leadership of president Mark Draper, performed flawlessly during traditional concerts such as Parent's Weekend, the Courtyard Christmas Concert, a Pops Concert, Marshall Awards Conference, and a Finals Concert. In addition to these annual performances, the club traveled to Washington D.C., Chesapeake, and Hood College to please the audiences.

The International Relations Club is composed of cadets interested in matters involving foreign policy. The club makes numerous trips to other colleges and universities to participate in discussions of foreign policy including mock U.N. Security Council conferences. Mark Sossi served as preisdent of the 1984 International Relations Club.

International Relations Club

The 1984 BOMB Staff

The *1984 BOMB* Staff under the leadership of Editor-in-Chief, Peter Nealley, Managing Editor, Graham Shirley, and Business Manager, Mike Hightower brought many changes to what had formerly been a slack organization. The aggressive attitude displayed by the members of the yearbook staff was plainly visible in every aspect of publishing the *BOMB*. The business staff under the guidance of Barry Coceano and Mike Steen gave new meaning to the word sales. Promotions helped carry ad and book sales to unprecedented highs. A strict definition of sections and one of the largest color orders in the history of the *BOMB* challenged the section Editors to produce a truly unique *BOMB,* and all rose to the occasion.

Initially all was not so rosey. Contract problems carried through the preceding summer were not solved until mid-October. The staff, although very willing to work, was very inexperienced, and much time was needed to train them. However, rather than giving into the numerous problems they encountered, the *1984 BOMB* Staff met them head on with a spirit unmatched by the staffs of previous years. The *1984 BOMB* Staff leaves a proud legacy to their successors.

The Senior editors of the 1984 BOMB . . . Pete Nealley, Editor-in-Chief, Graham Shirley, Managing Editor, and Mike Hightower, Business Manager.
Second Class editors. Ken Hirlinger and Glenn Hoftman, page through old BOMB'S for new ideas.

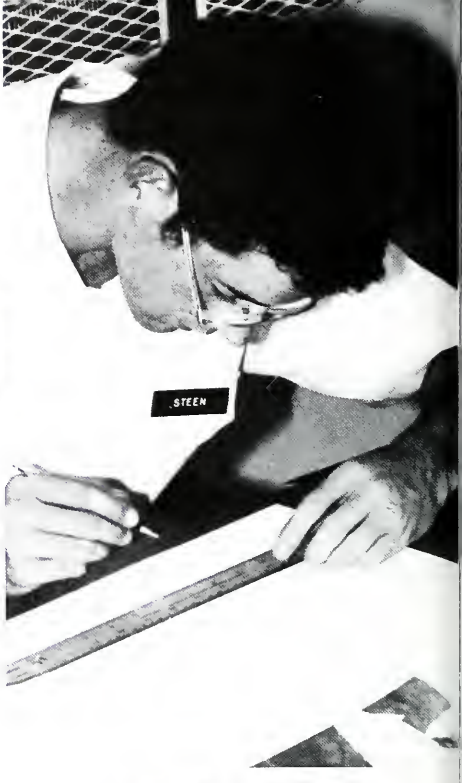
I want you to buy an '84 BOMB.

Barry Coceano, Circulation Manager, and Mike Steen pose under the eyes of the mighty Uncle Pete.

The few, the proud, the 1984 BOMB staff.

Mike Steen, Ad Manager, works on one of his many pieces of art.

Bert Bready, Social Editor, is caught snoozing on the job.



Steve Hiller, Sports Editor, jams down with the **BOMB BOX** during a well deserved break.

The BOMB Photographers . . . hard at work, or hardly working?

Rod Winebrenner, Activities Editor, caught making the climb from the dark room.

Brice White and **Manuel Mendez, Ad Editors,** take time for a casual shot.

Dave Parker, Mike Kay, and **Bud Wimmer** display the life blood of the 1984 BOMB staff.

Ed Ward and Tucker Maloney discuss the weeks new layout.

The VMI Cadet is considered to be one of most read publications on Post . . . second only in popularity to, uh . . . certain special interest publications.

The 1984 VMI Cadet senior editors.

The Cadet

The *VMI Cadet,* the newspaper of the VMI Corps of Cadets, comes out twenty-six Fridays during the school year. Including news and feature stories, editorials, sports, entertainment, and humor articles, the paper reflects both the pleasures and the displeasures of the Corps. Filled with VMI jargon, the newspaper informs parents of Institute events and keeps alumni excited about issues that only a member of the VMI family could appreciate. This year under the leadership of Editor-in-Chief Frank Kollmansperger and Business Manager Bill Hemingway, The *VMI Cadet* proved to be entertaining and stimulating.

rank Kollmansperger, Editor-in-Chief, examines a uture publication.

Posit Committee

The purpose of the Posit Committee is to maintain and constantly strive to improve the high standards and overall image of the VMI. The function of the committee is to study and evaluate major aspects of cadet life which need improvement. The committee reaches appropriate conclusions, and recommends possible solutions to the Superintendent, through its faculty advisor and the Commandant. Among the accomplishments of the Posit Committee were the lining of the first class parking lot, a hospital phone for cadet use, picture identification cards, and improved sink facilities. The chairman of the 1984 Posit Committee was Mark Krajewski.

Mark Krajewski, chairman, strikes a casual pose during a lull in the planning of a future improvement for the corps.

The 1984 Posit Committee breaks for a pose in Preston Library.

One of the accomplishments of this year's Committee was the lining and paving of the First Class parking lot.

Staff members of the Third Class Finance Committee 1985.

Charlie Cook samples a sub from the T.C.F.C.

T.C.F.C. '85

The Third Class Finance Committee's mission is to raise funds for their Ring Figure. Hotel rooms, the band, and the caterer all require large sums of money. To provide the finances, the T.C.F.C. sells subs, pizzas, exam boxes, subscriptions to newspapers, tickets to the annual corporal strain, and programs at home football games. The men who put it all together this year were Marvin Smith, chairman; and Shane Sullivan, treasurer. Their staff included Greg Enterline and Rob Lindgren, bookkeepers; and Jim Miller, food sales.

Religious Council

The Religious Council is a non-denominational organization representing all of the four classes in barracks. It serves under Chaplain Caudill and is also responsible for the Sunday Chapel services in J.M. Hall. Steve Hupp was the cadet-in-charge of the 1984 Religious Council.

The Circle K Club is a community service organization helping the local area in any way possible. Under the leadership of president Jon Drof, this years Circle K sponsored the W & L Superdance which raised money for muscular distrophy. The Lexington Kiwanis Club sponsors the Circle K Club.

Circle K Club

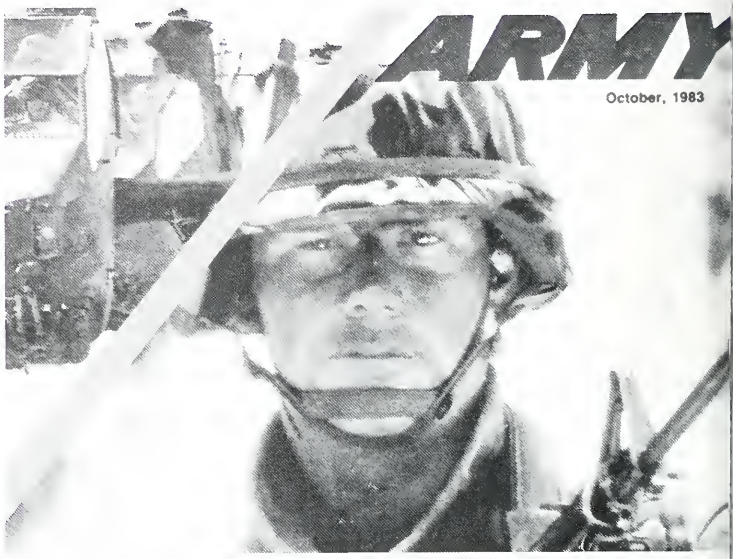
Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Canter-bury Club

Baptist Student Union

Association of the United States Army

The Association of the United States Army is a national organization dedicated to the advancement of issues of importance to the United States Army. The purpose of the George C. Marshall Company is to develop in cadets a strong desire for professional excellence and competence through field trips and outstanding guest speakers. The company sponsors the Marshall Awards Conference and sends cadets to the AUSA National Convention in Washington D.C. to represent the Institute. This year's Association president was Paul M. Iaderosa.



The aviator and infantryman display their newly acquired equipment.

Arnold Air Society

The chance of flying an attack fighter . . . the dream of most Air Force officers.

The Jefferson Scott-Dotson Squadron and accompanying Angel Flight from Southern Seminary Junior College form the Arnold Air Society of the Virginia Military Institute. As a non-profit organization, the Arnies and Angels assist the local community in service projects such as the Halloween Party sponsored in-part with the local Jaycees for the children of Lexington. The Society's purpose is to create long lasting and beneficial relationships between future Air Force officers and the local civilian population. Club events included weekend visits to other colleges with Arnold Air Societies, ski trips, and parachuting at a local airport. The Squadron Commander this year was Jerome M. Brinkley and the Vice Commander was Chris Welch.

These young tankers hold tight as a M48A5 moves out.

Tanker Platoon

The purpose of the tanker platoon is to give cadets who are interested in armor the chance for hands on training. The platoon consists of twenty-five members and five M48A5 Patton tanks. Cadets are trained in the operation and maintenance of the vehicle, as well as armor tactics and the responsibility of each crewman. Classes supplement the training in the field and the cadets also receive some exposure to the new equipment and doctrines being introduced into the Army. The cadet in charge of the 1984 Tanker Platoon was Henry Simpson.

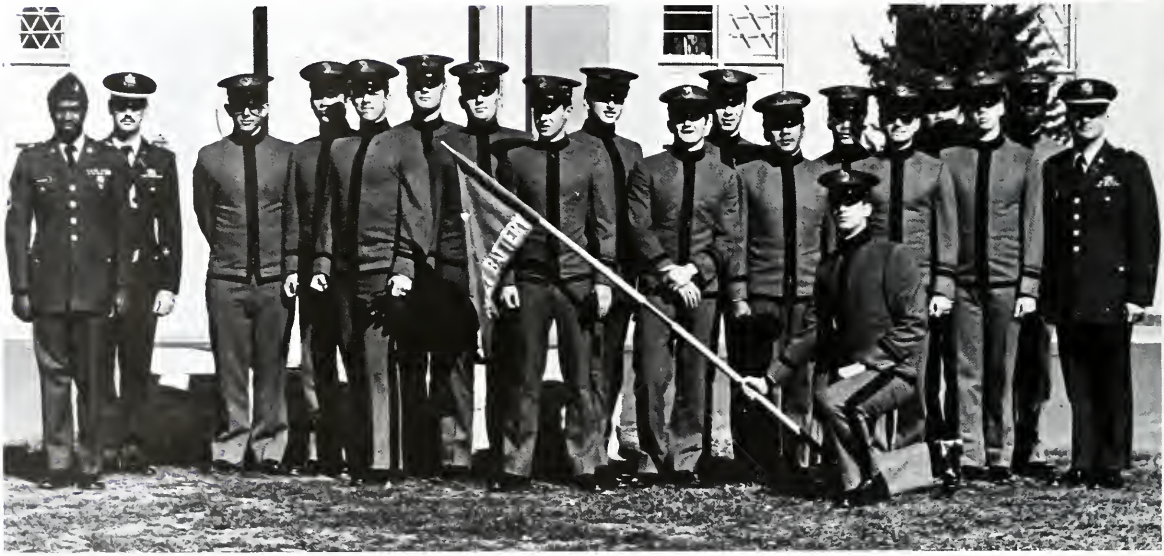
Sitting atop the turret Mark Flessner looks on.

Tim Melvin barks the order to move out.

Jim Spellman, driver of "JOAN," awaits the command to attack.

The Battery renders a salute to Gerald Ford.

The VMI Cadet Battery stands ready for any assignment.



Cadet Battery

The Cadet Battery is an organization designed to promote interest in field artillery or gunnery in general. Equipped with four 105mm howitzers, the members of the Battery not only learn the duties of a gun crew in action, but they also have fun as well. Under the leadership of battery commander Roger Hall, the Battery executed a twenty-one gun salute for former President Gerald Ford and performed flawlessly at the Founders Day Review.

Andy Petretti, section chief, prepares his gun for firing.

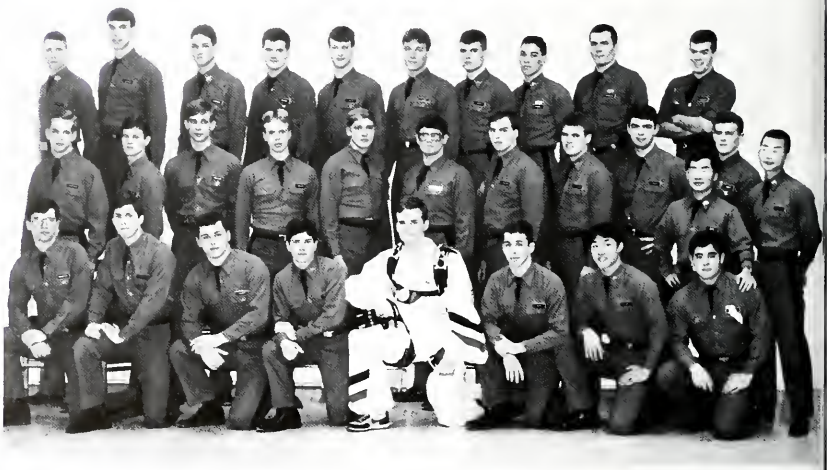
Neville Anderson, number one man, loads his gun for another report.

The Battery patiently awaits the arrival of her crews.

Scuba Club

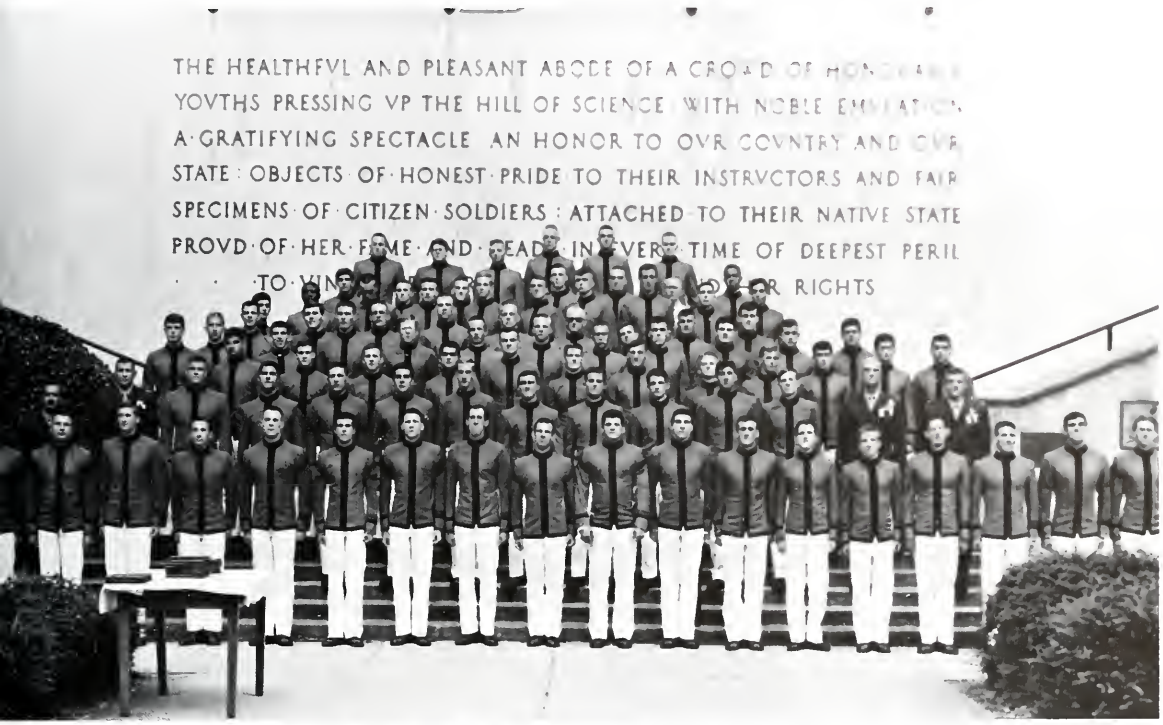
The VMI Scuba Club was organized to provide cadets the opportunity to enjoy the art of diving and to work on their certification for scuba qualification. This year's club, under the leadership of president Brent Harder, planned a trip to the Bahamas for spring break.

The Sport Parachute Club provides cadets the opportunity to gain experience and find recreation in sport parachuting. The club boasts its highest membership since its founding in 1969. Because of the rise of interest in skydiving, the SPC has acquired new high-performance equipment such as the square ram-air canopy, and is planning the formation of a freefall parachute team to compete in the National Collegiate Parachute League. Since the drop zone that the club utilizes is located near Radford and Blacksburg, the evenings are usually as exciting as the days skydiving activities. Bart Combs was the president of the 1984 SPC.



Sport Parachute

Marine Detachment



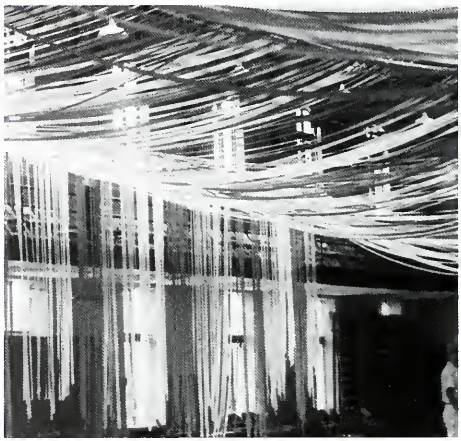
Standing tall and looking proud are the VMI Marines.

The VMI Marine Detachment is an organization through which cadets pursuing commissions in the Marine Corps may participate in Marine oriented training and activities. These activities include field training exercises, drill instruction, the physical training platoon (Bulldog Platoon), weekly formations, a guest lecture program, and the annual Marine Corps Birthday Mess Night.

Steve Sullivan, Art Tringali, Jon Williams, the Bravo Company contingent, await their awards.

The Hop and Floor Committee

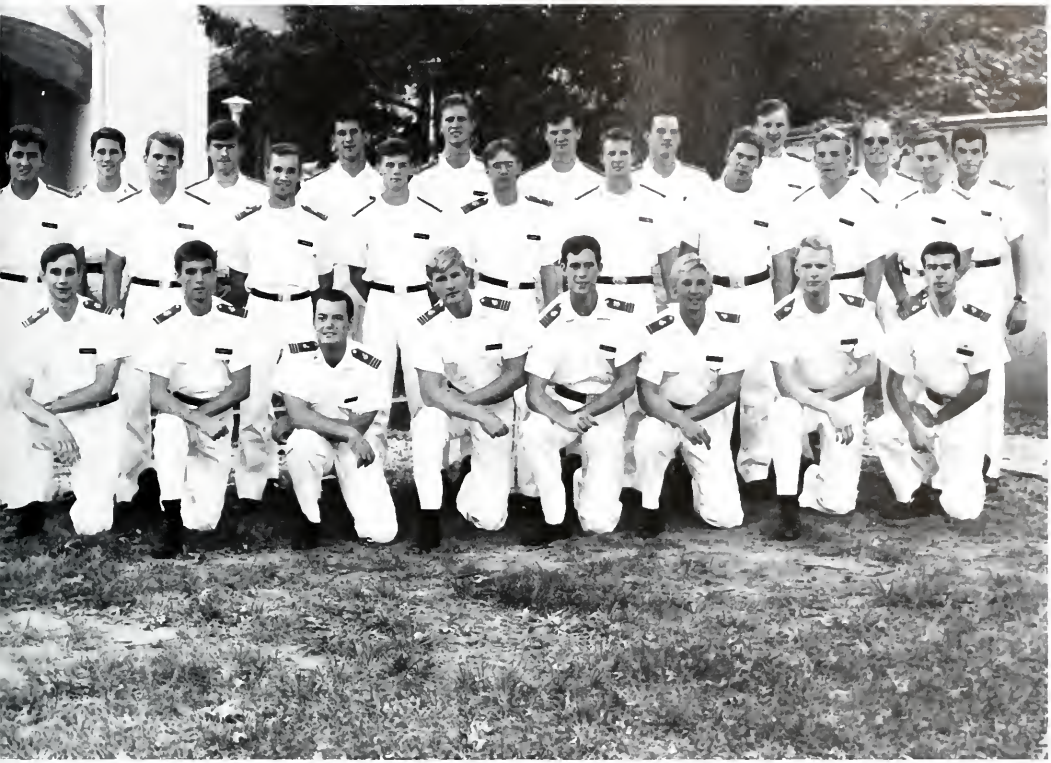
A sky of streamers are raised and secured but much work lies ahead.



The Hop and Floor Committee is probably V.M.I.'s most diligent group of all-duty seekers. Contrary to popular belief, it does perform a great service to the Corps by providing six hops and at least one concert a year. These hops feature some of the best bands on the east coast, and are an integral part of the V.M.I. social life. The officers of this year's Hop and Floor were Jamie Shoemaker, president; Bill Gottwald, vice-president; and George Woltz, secretary.

First Classmen begin the initial phase of any hop; tearing paper.

Bill Warnock pulls out the paper ceiling as Vic Bernet "holds the wire."



The 1984 Hop and Floor Committee.

Jamie Shoemaker, president, makes his supervision rounds.

American Chemical Society

The purpose of the American Chemical Society is to expand the Chemistry program by organizing guest speakers, and by offering students an opportunity to attend chemistry functions outside VMI. The various lectures organized by the ACS give students the chance to listen to some of the foremost chemists in the nation speak on a wide variety of chemical topics. Among the guest speakers sponsored this year was Dr. Frank Karasek of Waterloo University. Dr. Karasek, a visiting professor at VMI, gave a series of lectures dealing with various aspects of his present work in GC/MS and its analytical applications to the environment. The ACS also sponsored a cook out for the chemistry majors during the Spring semester. This year's ACS was headed by: President, John Shannon, Public Relations Officer, Paul Tate, and Treasurer, Scott Carter.

Pete Nealley and Carter Jordan discuss a problem involving the infrared spectrophotometer.

The VMI American Chemical Society.

American Society of Civil Engineers

Dave Stevenson, lab assistant, and Lt. Marsh, instructor, discuss the fate of a concrete cylinder.

The student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers is one of the oldest and largest organizations at the Institute. Through its activities, which include a guest lecture program, field trips, paper competitions, local, state, and national professional meetings, and concrete canoe competitions, the cadets are given opportunities to learn more about the engineering profession. Also, through chapter involvement, cadets are exposed to a variety of potential employment opportunities. This year's ASCE president was Mark Morgan.

American Society of Mechanical Engineers

The student section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers is a professional organization whose purpose is to educate students about the theories and practices of mechanical engineering and establish contacts with other members of the ASME. These objectives are met through guest speakers and field trips. The ASME also provides an opportunity for the ME majors to socialize in informal settings, like the annual mechanical engineering picnic. The president of the 1984 ASME was Chris Welch.

Every VMI mechanical engineer begins his education with RAT drawing.

Society of Physics Students

The Society of Physics Students is a national organization whose function is to promote educational activities for all students interested in physics and to award recognition and distinction to students who have achieved high scholastic ability. The VMI SPS chapter sponsors speakers in physics related topics, provides refreshments in the SPS lounge in Mallory Hall, and generally promotes an interest in physics in the Corps and the community. The 1984 SPS president was Walt Baskin and his vice-president Bud Wimmer.

Matt Baker and Mike Chapman perform one of many experiments in PY 208 lab.

Society of Young Economists

The Society of Young Economists is an organization for students interested in economics-related activities. Trips are planned for various points of interest during the year. The most noted one being the yearly journey to the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond. In addition, various noted economists in the area are periodically asked to be guest lecturers. Mike Hightower served as president of the 1984 Society of Young Economists.

The Pre-Law Society consists of cadets who are interested in pursuing a legal career. Members visit various law schools, sponsor guest lecturers, and sit in on a mock trial at W and L University. Dr. Burgess served as advisor and Rich Baker as president of the 1984 Pre-Law Society.

Pre-Law Society

Institute of Electrical And Electronics Engineers

Members of Eta Kappa Nu, the electrical engineering honor society.

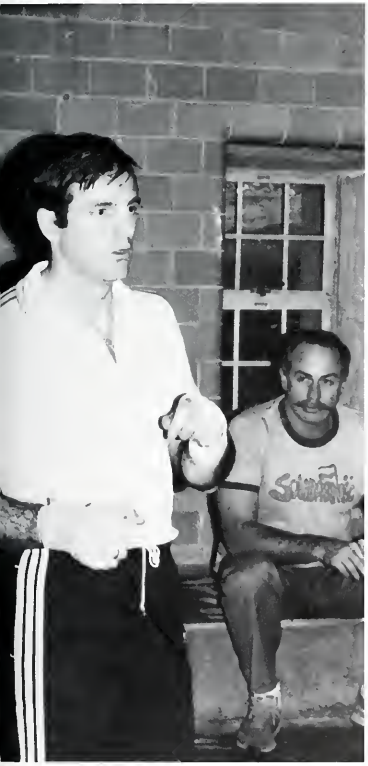
The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers is the national organization for electrical engineers. The IEEE consists of both professional and student EE's. On the national level the organization serves as a labor union of electrical engineers, while on the university level it serves as a link between the professional engineering world and the student EE. IEEE organizations on campus are instrumental in bringing in speakers and setting up other activities which are pertinent in a student EE's development. Darryl J. Robinson presided over this year's IEEE.

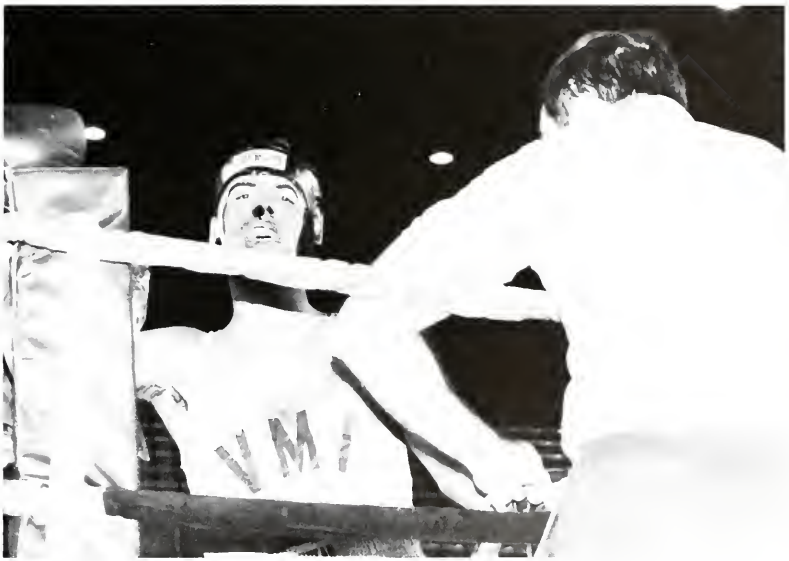
Boxing Club

The VMI Boxing Team began its 1983-84 season with a spectacular event in VMI's own Cameron Hall. The team easily dominated the competition among such school's as the national title holder Air Force Academy. VMI boxing also fought at the USMA, USNA, Lockhaven, Westchester, and Dickerson College before the National Collegiate Tournament. Although VMI has been involved in collegiate competition for only three years, it has established national recognition which has been well earned. A high level of dedication is given by each boxer who undergoes the most demanding, all around, physical workout of any athlete daily. The boxing team was directed by Coach Tom Virgets, Captain Steve Sullivan, and Co-Captain Rob McIntire. Additionally, Dr. King devoted great time and effort towards building the team. The team now enjoys a new boxing room, adequate supply of equipment, and more training time. VMI boasts one of the most competitive, and formidable boxing programs in the nation.

Steve Chill and **John Parente** take a breather prior to their actual workout.

Steve Sullivan emerges as the victor from his fight with the Air Force in December.

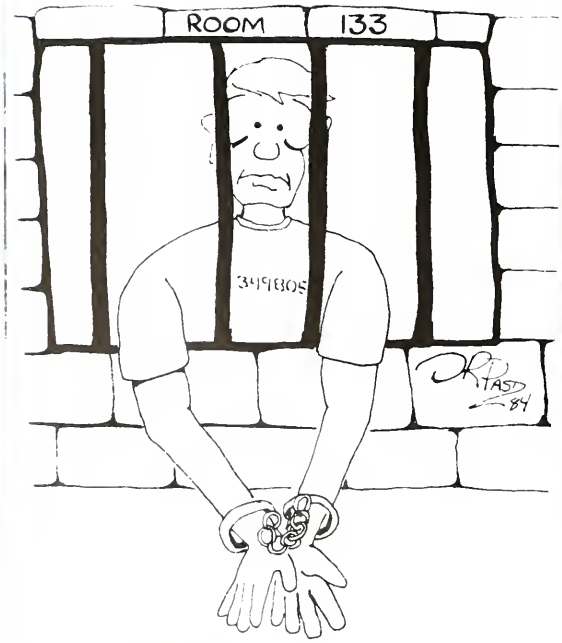




Pete Marsenison, victorious after his bout in Cameron Hall,' . . .' you should have seen the other guy.

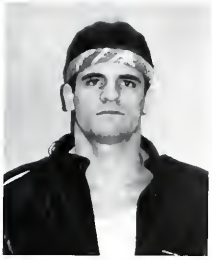
Coach Virgets discusses moves and strategy with his men.

Number One Club



Wine, Women, and **Song** are all part of the non-confinement cadet way of life.

This Number One Club cadet tells his story with his facial expression; no more wine, women, or song for another **four months.**



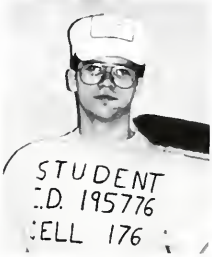
Quido Agostinelli: Unauthorized female in barracks. Plea: Sort-of Guilty; corrupted by television. Sentence: The Ultimate.

"Scooby-Doo" Andes: First Ring Figure drink in barracks. Sentence — Exiled to Austria.

Bubba "Empty the Can" Byrne: Partying with the Pig! i.e. unauthorized beer can in trash can.

Chris Davidson: Consuming evil fire water in barracks.

Dan "the MAN" Gettings: Aiding and abetting the BOMB Staff by being caught drinking beer supplied by the Editor-in-Chief.



"Bocephus" Harmon: Homemade cooler; i.e., beer and ice filled trash can.

Mark "Sentinel" Hooker: Unable to walk the line while on guard duty.

John "Long Timer" Long: Ouido's accomplice in crime; i.e., female in barracks.

Chris "Blasting Cap" Parks: First — First drink ever; demon rum. Second — Visiting outside of county during OCMNI while on First.

Gene "Bootlegger" Sampey: Caught in violation of the 18th Amendment. Intercepted by G-man Bannat 12 May 81.

Kevin "Double Jeopardy" Sample: Unanthorized absence from barracks; on and off post.

Bill "A is for Alcohol" Seaver: One sip too many in barracks, 25 Apr. 81.

Schmonan the Barbarian: Taker of law into his own hands; i.e., attacking fellow cadets.

Thornton Stephens: Happy hour at the luxurious Lexington Astoria. Quoted as saying, "I feel cheap."

Dave "Bogart" Thompson: Grossly under the influence of alcohol.

Holman "Renagade" Waters: Abandoning his faithful horse, Tarnish, in front of the fort as a Third.

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SPORTS

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Steve Hiller

Football

This year the VMI football team had its hardships both on and off of the field. The Big Red Team arrived at summer camp with high aspirations of a successful season, but those dreams never materialized. Both, the offense and the defense got off to slow starts, yet as the season progressed the team also progressed.

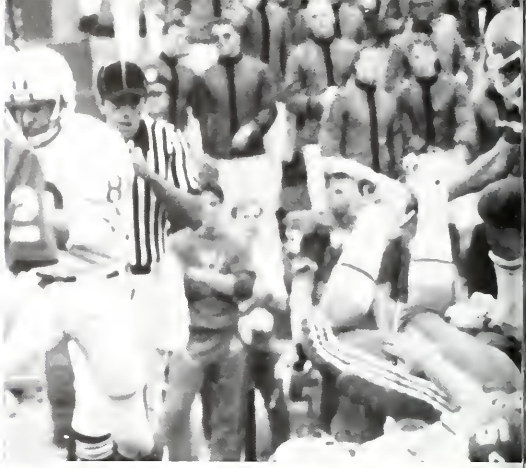
Even though the win column wasn't overcrowded, many good things surfaced to the top of the VMI football program. With the progress of the offensive line, the ground game showed great improvement. The defense also came on strong as the weeks passed by, showing opponents the marked quality of the Keydet defense. The 1983 season was a growing season for VMI football uncovering many future stars who will help the Big Red throughout the years.

Mike Cook makes the catch as a Furman defensive back closes in

Pssst . . . Hey Blake, goin' to Zollman's after the game?

Neil Lowenstein causes a William and Mary fumble.

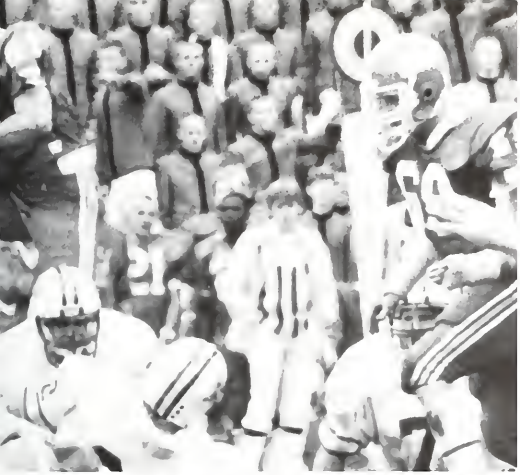
Crashing into the pile. Scooler Lipscomb stops a Furman ball carrier.



A W&M receiver is corralled as Lewis Rucker sits in on the action.

Billy Tilling celebrates a Keydet touchdown.

The Keydet front line buries a W&M running back.



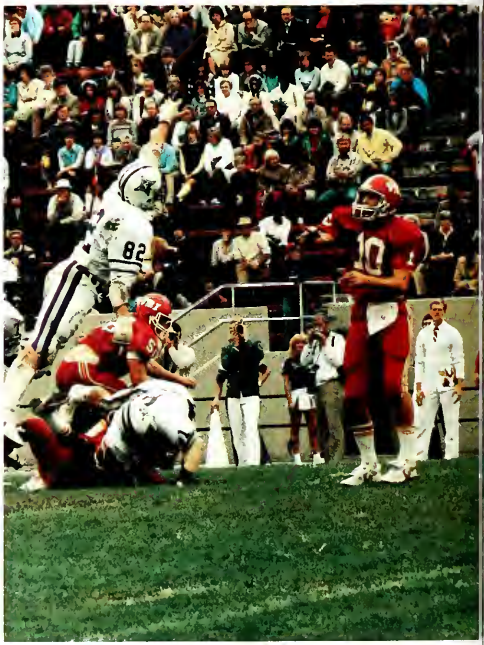
"Hippo" crunches the Furman quarterback.

Toby Jones checks in for his weekly mud-pack.

Kevin Mitchell slides around the Furman defense.

Wimbish tries for three against Tech.

Ambrose Phillips hits the ground after blocking a W&M field goal attempt.



Al Comer throws over a leaping Furman lineman.

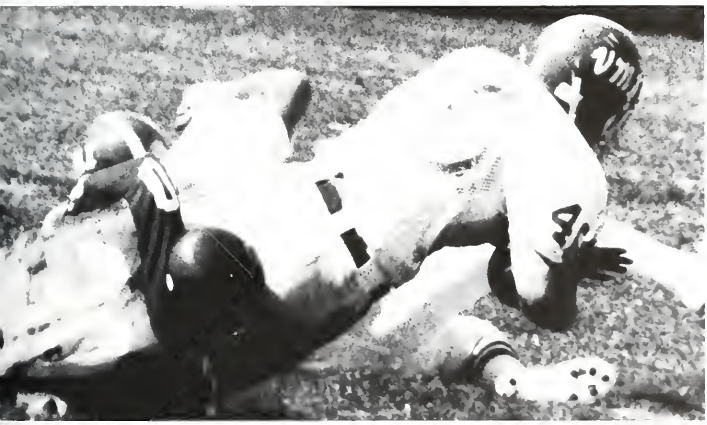
In a sea of white, Kevin Mitchell struggles for yardage against Furman.

As the offense sets up, Billy Tilling glances towards the sidelines.

Al Comer plays "follow the flying ball" with W&M defenders.

Billy Tilling goes "vertical" to haul in a pass against Furman.

Barry Coceano takes his juggling act on the road to Tech.



Wrapped up in Furman defenders Mike Cook goes down.

Art Massaro dives for yardage versus Virginia Tech.

Paul Tate dives to stop a William and Mary play from . gaining big yardage.

Taking control. Mike Williams dribbles the ball downfield.

Bruce Bones "heads" the ball downfield.

Soccer

The VMI Soccer program has been steadily improving over the past few years, but disappointment occurs everywhere. Such was the case with Coach Nino Altemonte's third year at VMI. This fall the Keydet booters compiled a perfect 0-15 record.

Coach Altemonte received quite a few fine recruits, but virgin collegiate talent is no match for raw experience. Sorely missed were four starters who graduated and three underclassmen who did not return. Throughout the season Coach Altemonte worked hard to maintain a high level of enthusiasm and team integrity, however, each contest obviated the lack of experience and cohesive automation.

Though the hardships were many, the Keydets never failed to rise to the occasion and fight diligently until the final whistle blew. In all the gloom of an 0-15 record there is still a bright spot for VMI Soccer. Being forced to utilize so many Rats in this year's starting lineup, Coach Altemonte will have considerably more experience in '84. We extend our sincerest commiserations to the team of 1983 and the best of luck to next year's team.

VMI and EMC players battle for control of the ball.

Arriving late, an EMC player can't stop Kevin Sincavage from passing the ball.

Tony Zimmer works the ball against an opponent, as Spruill Thompson gets a "piggy-back" ride.

While an opponent looks on, Bart Williams fights for the ball.

Fancy dribbling keeps VMI in control of the match.

"Red Rover, Red Rover, send . . .," Spruill Thompson and teammates await a free-kick by JMU.

The Keydets push the ball upfield towards the Marshall goal.

"Look, up in the sky — it's a bird, it's a plane, it's . . ." The Keydets thwart another Marshall goal.

"F" plays "now you see it, now you don't" with a JMU defender.

A Marshall player attacks the VMI goal.

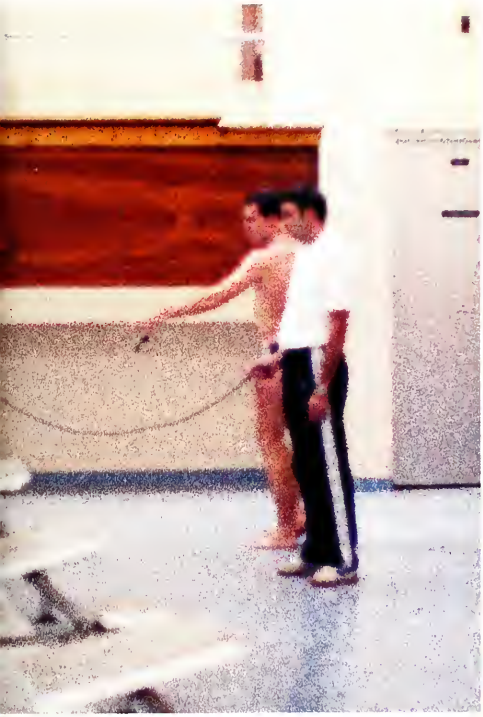
Swimming

The '83-84 swim team hit the pool again in September after a summer of wondering whether or not they would remain on the list of VMI varsity sports. Thanks to Coach Arnold Joyce's decision to continue coaching for another year, the team faced an arduous season of practices and competition. This year's team was strong and experienced with eleven lettermen returning, who provided the necessary incentive for the intense practices and meet performances. The Rats, once more gave the team much needed depth, especailly John Barnard in the spring events and Tom Peer in the distance races. The high-flying divers, led by co-captain John Lee Noel, continued to give VMI the edge over other teams in the 1-meter and 3-meter events.

All of the VMI Swimmers, past and present, would like to thank "Arnie" for 18 years of friendship and excellent coaching.

"AIRBORNE!!"

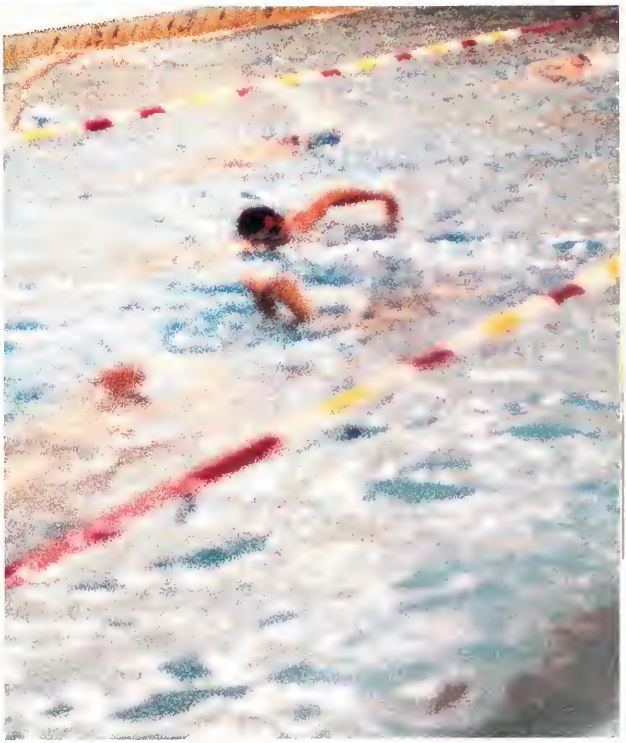
The 1983-83 Swim Team.



Coach Joyce watches as the team goes through time trials.

Time for a quick breath before the next race starts.

Nothing like a refreshing dip on a sunny(?) afternoon.



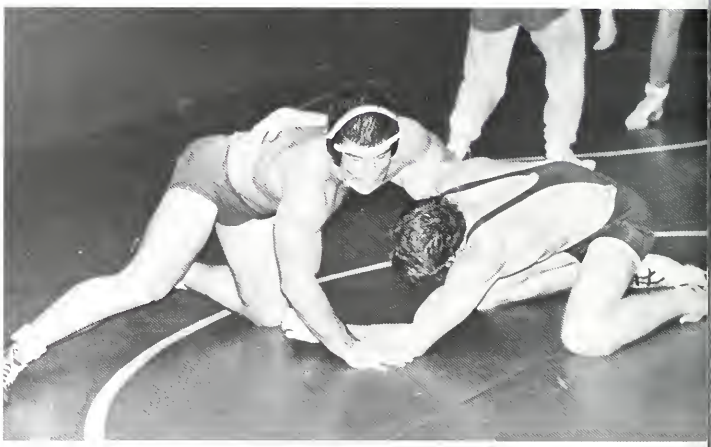
Wrestling

In the sport of wrestling the athletes must sacrifice and discipline both mind and body to be successful. The VMI Wrestling team is, has been, and will always be successful. The competitive edge that each and every VMI wrestler possesses has provided for great things. In the 1982-83 season they went undefeated with an outstanding record of 19 wins and 0 losses. This year the team produced the same results under the experienced eye of coach Ike Sherlock.

The 1983-84 team was led by three-time team captain John Munno and transfer Bobby Rainer. Outstanding seniors were John Ehrenberger, Robby Knarr, and John Long. Underclassmen who proved to be strong wrestlers throughout the season were Jessie Waltz, Steve Green, Art Massaro, Ben Walker, Craig Harris, Brad Brzozinski, and King Mayse. These wrestlers will continue to add to the success of the VMI wrestling program.

Two wrestlers pose for a sculpture of Greek warriors in battle.

During a lecture on carrying shock victims, John Munno acts as a demonstrator.



Time to start counting lights!

Ben Walker thinks he's a wild animal, which has John Ehrenberger worried.

Two Keydet wrestlers search for their "Karma's" through Yoga.

VMI Rifle

Despite two lettermen graduating last year, this year's team has proven to have been stronger than any in the past few years. Both the talent and the experience was brought together to form a highly competitive team. Top shooters for the year have been Daryl Horne, Chris Touhill, Dave Whittaker, and Don Suggs. Rat hopefuls for next year include Mike Upton and Tom Struckmeyer.

Deer hunting was never this easy!!

Rats sharpen their shooting eye during a practice.

From the "prone" position, Don Suggs takes aim.

Indoor "skeet" shooting at the club always proves beneficial during matches.

A Keydet fights for a ground ball.

The offense spreads out to work for a goal.

Hold it! Nobody move I lost a contact . . .

VMI Lax

With the loss of key players from last year's squad, first year coach John Stephenson, an '81 graduate of the University of Connecticut, seemed to have a hard task ahead of him in order to continue the winning ways the 1983 squad established. The play of attackmen Mark Morgan and Tommy Greenspon sparked the Keydets in only their second year as a varsity sport, while mid-fielder Chuck McCarthy added an awesome scoring punch.

Defensively the Keydets were in good shape as third classman Tim Spivey returned to the goal. Spivey finished amongst the top 10 netminders in the nation in Division I as a Rat. Surrounding Spivey were returning lettermen Bobby Baldwin, Mike Locher, and Keith Byron. Players to watch in future campaigns are Frank Trice and Steve Anderson.

Gimme my ball back!!

Warren Shindle pushes for the finish line ahead of an opponent.

A Rat keeps his slight advantage against Richmond.

The end of another "short" jog.

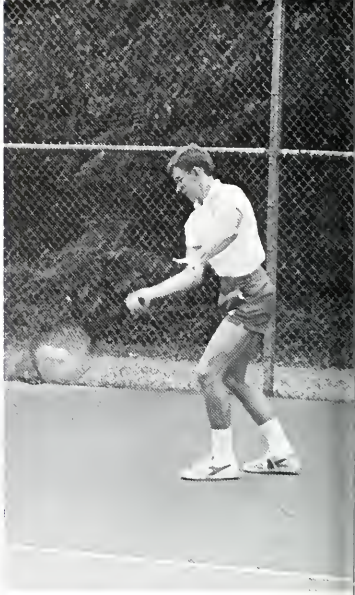
Cross Country

The VMI Cross Country team closed out its season with a successful 9-2 dual meet record with their only defeat coming from William and Mary. VMI outran teams such as Richmond, ODU, JMU, Radford, and Christopher Newport. The team placed 5th in the State Meet and 4th in the Southern Conference. First classman Jack Ditt won the overall meet at State, finished 2nd at the Conference, and qualified for the Nationals. Henry Loving, Jud Springer, Benny Hill, and Robert Lett rounded VMI's runners. Next year should prove to be yet another good season for the harriers as the entire team will return except Jack Ditt and Jud Springer.

Bruce Hill keeps a smooth pace during the meet.

Robbie Lett jogs out the kinks before the race.

"Charging up the hill of science," VMI finds themselves in third place.



Eric Morehouse returns with a forehand volley.

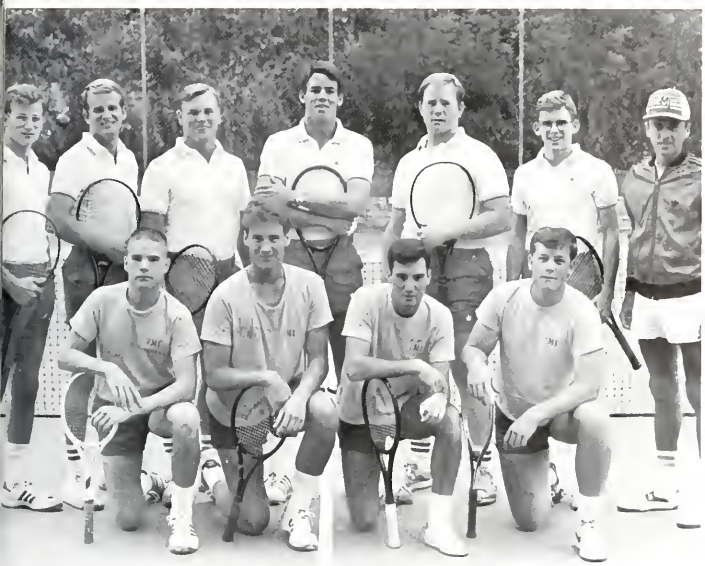
"Tex" Maxwell lobs one deep.

Tennis

Experience is the key to any successful team, and it is on this foundation that VMI's Tennis team has been building since last spring. Led by #1 seed and team captain, Alex Thompson, the Keydet netters have improved dramatically over last year. Thompson, one of the most successful VMI tennis players in many years, which is reflected in his third place finish in the tough Southern Conference a year ago, was one of the favorites to capture the singles crown.

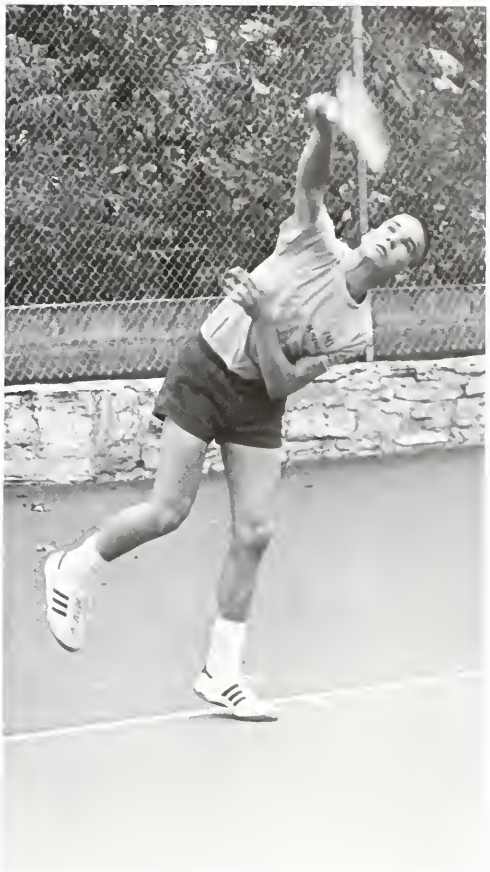
Adding valuable experience to the line-up were "Buc" Buchanan, "Tex" Maxwell, John Mays, Eric Morehouse, and fourth classman Tom Mitchell, who was very impressive during the fall season. The doubles teams of Thompson-Morehouse, Buchanan-Maxwell, and Mays-Mitchell were fairly new but produced many needed victories.

Coach Joe Pinson, also with added experience to benefit him, fielded a very competitive team.



The 1983-84 Tennis team

John Mays follows through on a serve.



John McEnroe he ain't!!

Ted Comer practices his drive before stepping up to the tee.

The Golf Team during a match

Following proper golf etiquette, Robert Nussey addressed the ball (what ball?)

VMI Golf

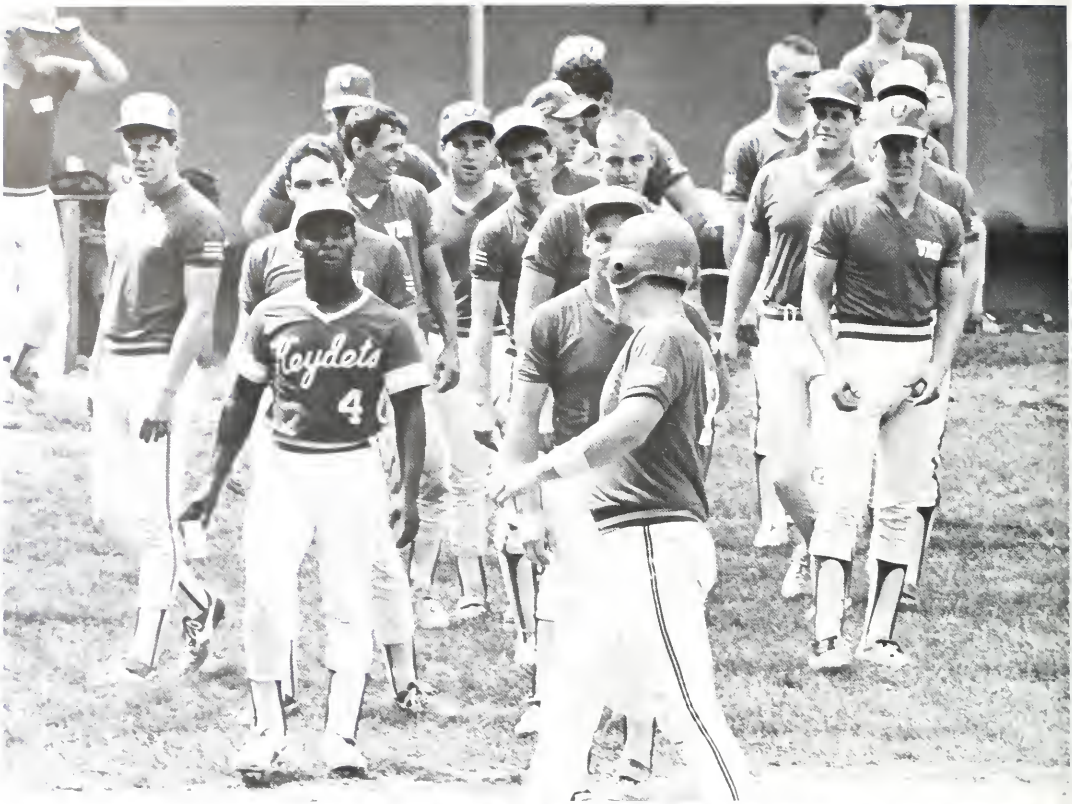
With the return of four lettermen, VMI Golfers looked forward to an improved team. The squad included 1st Classman, and captain, Ted Comer and Dewey Olinski, 2nd classman Danks Burton, and 3rd classman Robert Nussey. In addition five newcomers attempted to crack the starting five for the Spring.

This past fall the team finished 9th out of 18 teams in the annual VMI-W&L Golf Tournament. Ted Comer's fifth place finish and Robert Nussey's tenth place paced the team. The results of this tournament left the team with an optimistic outlook on the upcoming season.

Sports Illustrated here I come!

Let's see Tom Watson hit one like that.

Oh no, not in the trees AGAIN!



Greg Weddle finishes his home run trot after going "DEEP" — again.

"How 'bout that relay?"

"Killer" dives safely into third, as the third baseman forgets to catch the relay.

Coach White tries to remain calm after a call.

VMI Baseball

Led by seniors Rob Holmes, Steve Hiller, Dave Phillips, Kelly Raber, and Kemper Wharton, the Baseball team is coming off of its finest fall season in recent history. A much improved pitching staff, consisting of Bryan Augsburger, Scott Bryant, Joe McCloskey, and Glenn Ferguson, proved to be essential in the Keydets' 13-6-1 record. This spring looks to be brighter than any in two decades as a talented squad has given signs of being a true Division I competitor. Under Manager Donny White and Pitching Coach Paul Maini, a Southern Conference Championship is well within the team's grasp. Key upperclassmen will be Bert Saunders, Frank Dow, Mike LaMore, Greg Weddle, Ben Walker, Mike Colletti, Karl Sjolund, Tommy McGinnis, Chris Ashworth, Shane Sullivan, and Steve Thacker. Players to watch are freshmen Jeff Gines, Rick Heine, and Sophomore Brett Hayes as a base-stealing threat in pivotal situations.

C.W.'s cast of characters — the 1984 Baseball team.

"Beaner" waits for the ball after a pitch.

Kelly "Barishnakov" stretches for the throw from the catcher.

Nothing like the best seats in the house!

The "Peanut Gallery"

"Opie" Dow holds JMU's base threat close to first.

As a JMU player slides into third, "Chicken" gets the relay from the outfield.

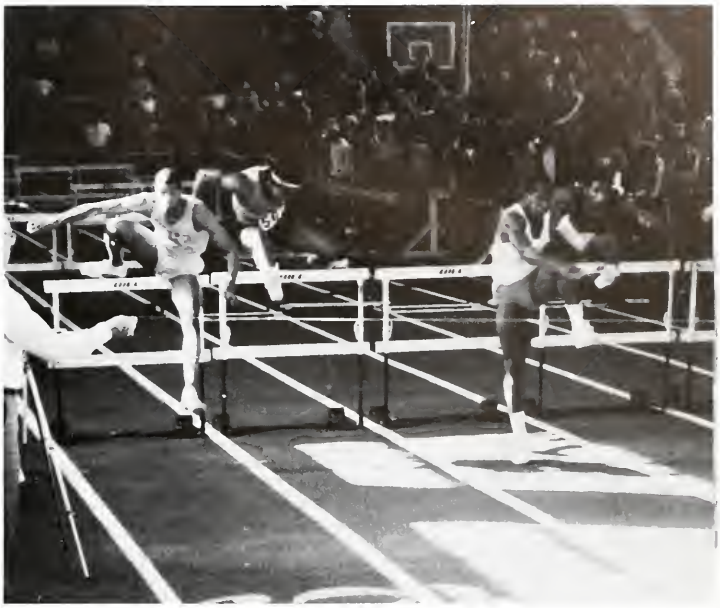
VMI finishes one and two as Bryon Ross edges out Henry Sanchez.

VMI and Furman end in a "photo" finish.

Coach Wade Williams presents Henry Sanchez with yet another trophy.

"Sly" Davis rounds the turn with a comfortable lead.

The High Hurdles come to the finish line.



VMI Track

This year's track team, like those of past years, has shown itself to be the class of the Southern Conference and the state. Led by All-American Candidate Jack Ditt and the national class mile relay team consisting of Sylvester Davis, Marcus Black, Davis Estes, and Henry Sanchez, the Keydets are expecting another successful season. This would include another indoor/outdoor Southern Conference Championship and sending several members of the team to compete in the NCAA Championships. The Tri-Captains, Jack Ditt, Scott Williams and Ron Abbit and the rest of the 1984 team want to thank Coaches Wade Williams, Tom Virgets, and Captain George Rector, USMC, for the many hours they have put into this successful program and for believing in us. LET'S GO, THE CROPS ARE ROTTIN' IN THE FIELD.

JHM '84

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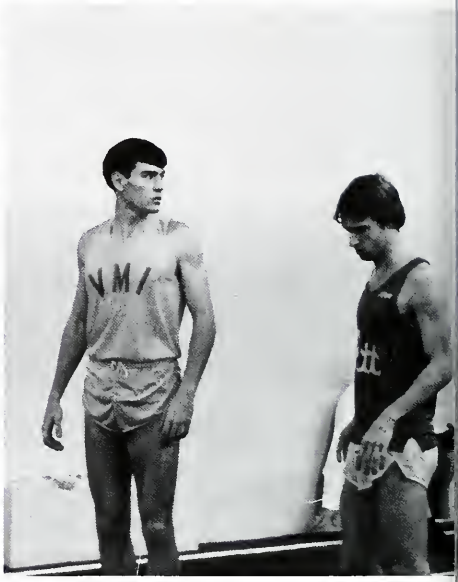
Hey Virge, how many laps?!



Coming out of the turn, VMI is in 3rd place.

The relay team gains on Pitt.

The VMI relay team with another victory.

Henry Sanchez takes the inside lane in 2nd.

"Sly" goes over the first hurdle.

Basketball

Under second-year head coach Marty Fletcher the Keydet roundballers are beginning to turn around what in the past has been a disappointing sport at VMI. Headed by captain Mike Herndon, Darren Sawyer, Cedric Wins and Gay Elmore the basketball team has been able to play competitively with everyone on their schedule this year. Coming off of the bench sophomore Tommy McHugh, and Rats Steve Tooker, and Mark Current have enabled Coach Fletcher to adjust his lineup to fit the tempo of the game. With the entire squad returning next year basketball at VMI should, once again, become an exciting and successful sport.

Cedric Wins pops from the key.

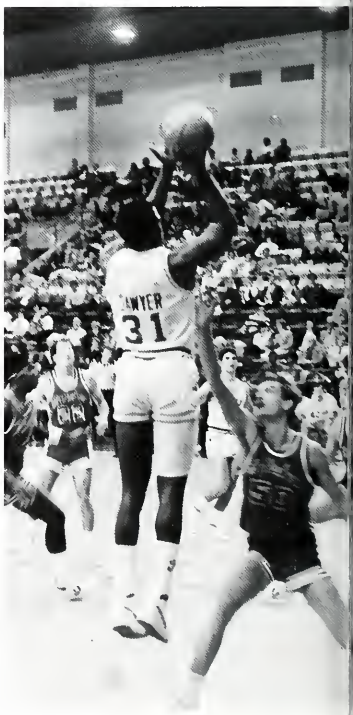
Bringing the ball up court, Steve Tooker looks for an open man.

Coach Fletcher watches the action.

"E" **from** the corner — sssoup!!

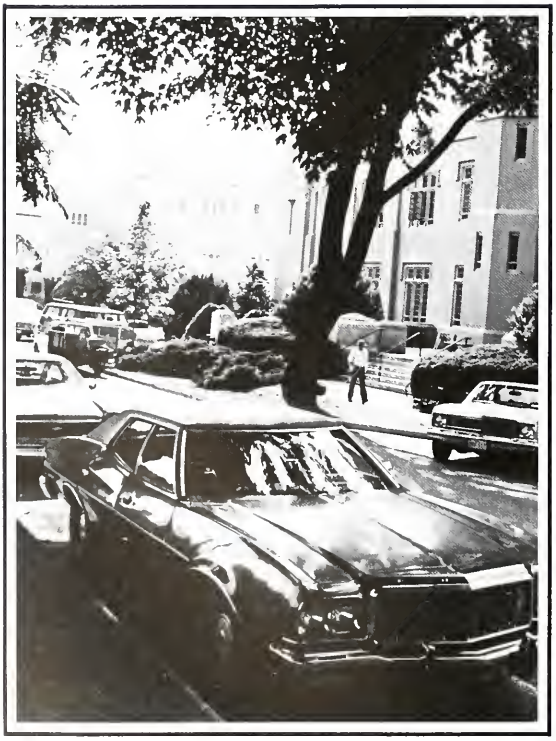
"**zone-buster**"

"**Mike, look** in the corner!"



"Q" goes one-on-one.

Controlling the tempo, Ced Wins dribbles up court.



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Governor of Virginia
The Honorable Charles S. Robb

Charles S. Robb has served as the Governor and Commander-in-Chief since his inauguration in 1981.

From 1961 to 1970 Mr. Robb served with the Marine Corps rising to the rank of Captain. He was awarded the Bronze Star, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with silver star and the Vietnam Service medal with 4 stars.

General Sam Walker Superintendent

General Walker is the eleventh superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute. He became superintendent on July 1, 1981.

General Walker was commissioned in the Infantry at graduation in 1946 from the U.S.M.A. A veteran of both Korea and Vietnam, General Walker earned his first star in 1969 and his fourth in 1977.

Dean of Faculty

Brigadier General James M. Morgan, Dean of Faculty entered VMI in 1941 after graduation from Benedictine High School. He resigned his cadetship in 1943 to serve as an enlisted man from 1943 to 1944.

General Morgan came back to VMI in 1944 and graduated in 1946 with a degree in Civil Engineering. At graduation General Morgan received both the Jackson-Hope Medal and the Cincinnati Medal.

In addition to being Dean, General Morgan has also taught Civil Engineering, and served as the head of that department. After serving as Dean longer than any man in the history of the Institute, General Morgan will retire at the end of the 1984 school year, with nineteen years of dedicated service as Dean behind him.

Deputy Superintendent

Brigadier General George H. Ripley has been Deputy Superintendent of VMI since 1978 when he joined the administrative staff following 26 years of active duty service in the U.S. Marine Corps. Before his retirement General Ripley spent four years, 1974-1978, on assignment at VMI as the commanding officer of the Marine-oriented Naval ROTC program established at VMI in 1974.

A native of Radford, General Ripley is a member of the class of 1952. Upon graduation he received a degree in electrical engineering and was commissioned into the U.S. Marine Corps.

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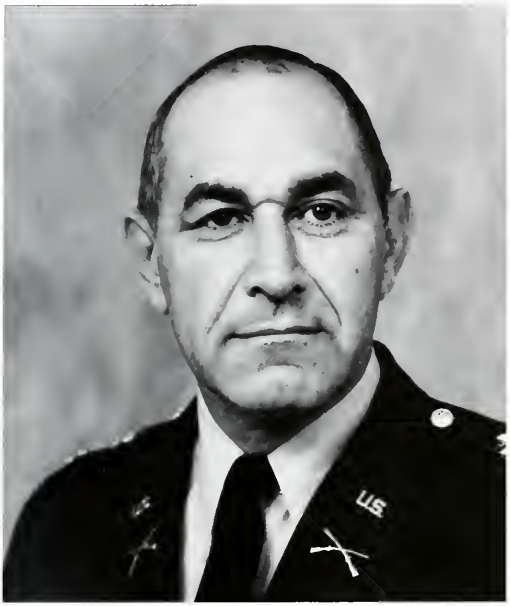

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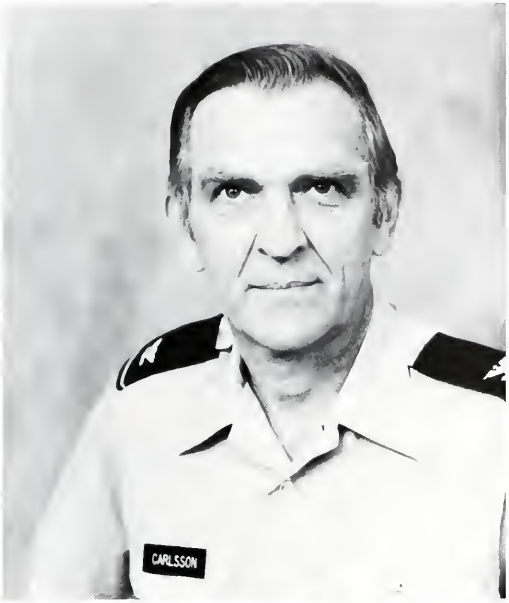

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Professor

Col. John Reeves, Jr., head of the Biology Department.

The curricula of the Biology Department are designed for those students who desire to prepare themselves in such biological fields as forestry, marine biology, wildlife management, environmental biology, medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine and pharmacy.

The department offers both a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science, with the B.A. offering a wider range of courses and the B.S. pursuing specific scientific courses that will prepare the student for medical and dental schools.

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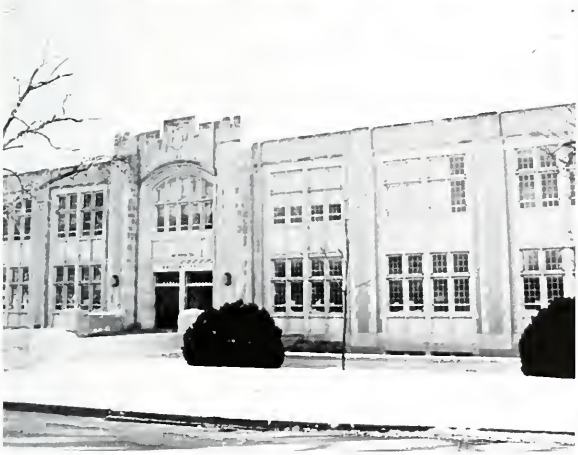

There are two curricula in the Mathematics Department: one stresses the humanities and leads to a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics: the second emphasizes the sciences and culminates in a bachelor of science degree in mathematics.

Either of the two curricula will lead to graduate studies in many fields. The B.A. is recommended for the cadet who is interested in general education in the arts and sciences; the B.S. is for the cadet who wishes to develop his interest in one or more of the sciences.

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Maj. R. Terrell Wilson
Lecturer
Col. Gene Wise
Professor

The ancient chemistry building masks an aggressive academic program that encompasses a broad spectrum of courses from general "Rat Chemistry" to laboratory automation, polymer chemistry and biochemistry. Support equipment includes instruments and computers to train the "thoroughly modern chemist." Special events include the ongoing summer research program for faculty, cadets, and students from other schools. The annual departmental picnic, held each Spring for all chemistry majors, faculty, staff and families, is a much looked forward to event in Maury-Brooke Hall.

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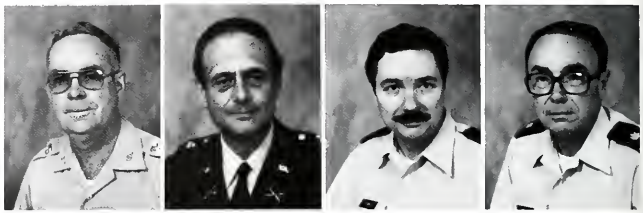

Col. William C. Sauder, head of the Physics Department.

Col. Richard B. Minnix, Professor of Physics.

In the Physics curriculum a cadet learns the basic framework of the fundamental laws of nature. He encounters a considerable amount of course work in mathematics that is necessary for both the understanding and application of physical principles. Laboratory work, essential in scientific education, is emphasized.

Facilities of the department housed on the lower three floors of Mallory Hall, include a library, excellent shop facilities, x-ray and nuclear physics laboratories, faculty and student research rooms, and a computer terminal. The department sponsors the VMI Chapter of the Society of Physics Students. This organization includes a local chapter of Sigma Pi Sigma, the national physics honor society.

Mechanical Engineering Department

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Lt. Terrell M. Munson
Instructor

Mechanical Engineering is the second oldest of the engineering professions and has the second largest enrollment of students in the U.S. Mechanical engineering is a very broad field which includes many other fields such as refrigeration and nuclear engineering.

The Mechanical Engineering Department was granted degree status in 1982. The department will graduate its first mechanical engineers in 1985.

Col. Richard Trandel, head of the Mechanical Engineering Department.

Civil Engineering Department

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Lt. Col. James R. Groves
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Professor
Maj. Robert G. Traver
Asst. Professor

Civil Engineering is the oldest of the engineering professions and the broadest in scope. It is the parent of all of the specialized branches of engineering.

The Civil Engineering curriculum provides a background in science, engineering, and cultural subjects. Graduates are prepared to enter engineering or business directly, or to continue their education in graduate school.

The laboratories of the department are modern and well equipped with a wide array of special apparatus for individual use. Instruction in electronic computing is offered to all students, and computer applications using digital and analog computers are employed in subsequent courses.

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Professor and Director of Computer Center

Col. Lee L. Nichols, Jr. head of the Electrical Engineering Department and Director of Engineering.

The Electrical Engineering curriculum is designed to expose cadets to a broad spectrum of fundamental engineering principles, with particular stress on electrical engineering problems, thus permitting graduates a wide latitude in their choices of endeavor in engineering and related fields.

The Electrical Engineering department maintains well equipped laboratories and sponsors an amateur radio club and the VMI student branch of the Institute of Electrical Engineers, which meets regularly and provides training in the presentation of brief papers by cadets. There is also a VMI chapter of Eta Kappa Nu, the international honor society in electrical engineering.

Economics Department

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Assoc. Professor
Lt. Col. Floyd H. Duncan
Assoc. Professor

Lt. Col. Charles E. Fraley
Assoc. Professor
Mr. Mehdi B. Razavi
Instructor

Dr. James L. Y. Chang, head of the Economics Department.

The Economics curriculum embraces studies leading to the bachelor of arts degree and is designed to provide a fundamental understanding of economic forces and systems. In acquainting the student with a knowledge of the economic world, emphasis is placed on the thinking of the West, it's heritage of institutions and ideas, the principal criticisms of that system, the major modifications Americans have introduced into their economy, and the way the American economy functions.

English Department

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Asst. Professor

The ability to speak and write clearly and effectively, to use research materials creatively, to analyze and interpret written material of all sorts, and to understand people's motives is what the English curriculum offers. Majoring in English should result in the growth of the whole man, as one's life is ordered, extended, and enriched by what he learns. But, he is also prepared for professional training of various sorts. English is a pre-law and a pre-business curriculum. Graduates of the Institute, who have majored in English have traditionally done well in a variety of fields.

Col. George L. Roth, head of the English Department.

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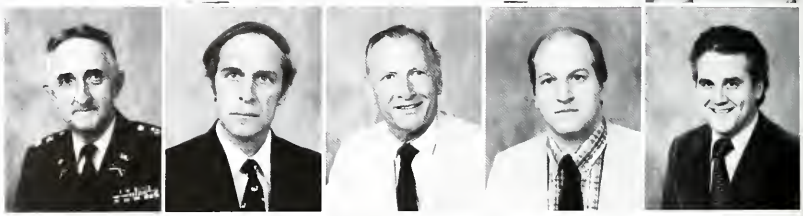

The History Department is designed to produce men educated in the responsibilities rather than the narrow specialties in the field of history and politics.

The history major's courses cover the principle fields of modern European, Far Eastern, and American history. All of these courses emphasize an understanding of developments and problems, rather than mere cataloging of events of the past. They give attention to social, economic and cultural phenomena as well as political and constitutional problems.

The Department of History and Politics also offers a multidisciplinary International Studies Area of Concentration open to all cadets in any major curriculum.

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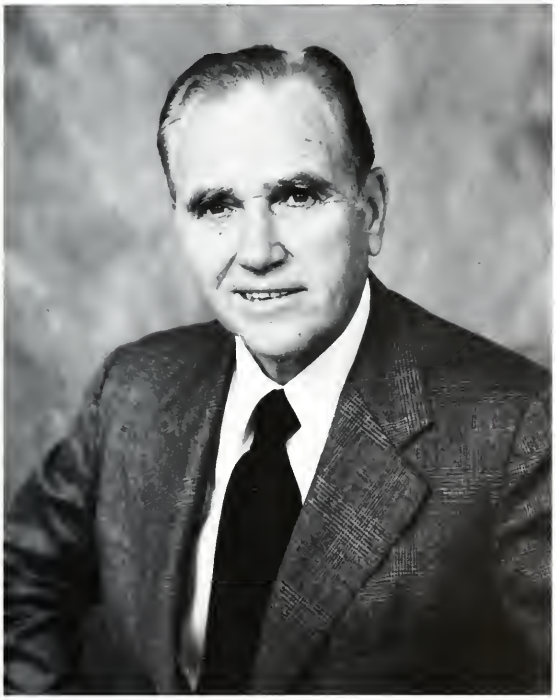

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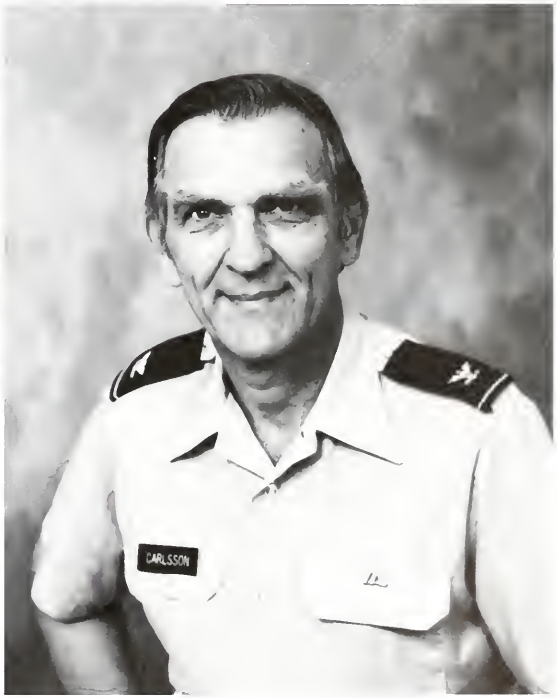

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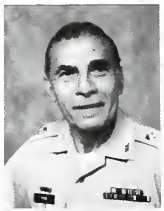

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The Modern Language curriculum offers basic and advanced training in the languages, literature, and cultures of France, Germany and Spain.

The Modern Language curriculum rests on a foundation of those studies which a graduate needs for an understanding of man, his physical environment, and the society in which he lives. To this end, courses in natural science, English, history, fine arts and philosophy are required. Graduates are well equipped to pursue careers in the armed forces, business, foreign service, government, and teaching.

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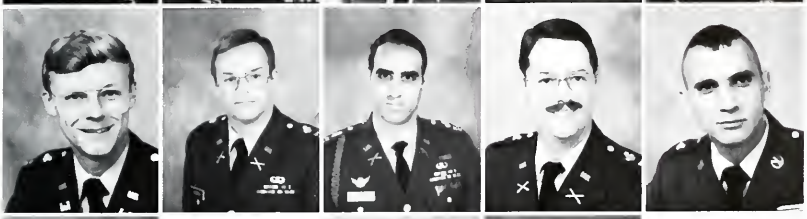

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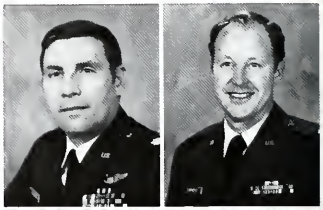

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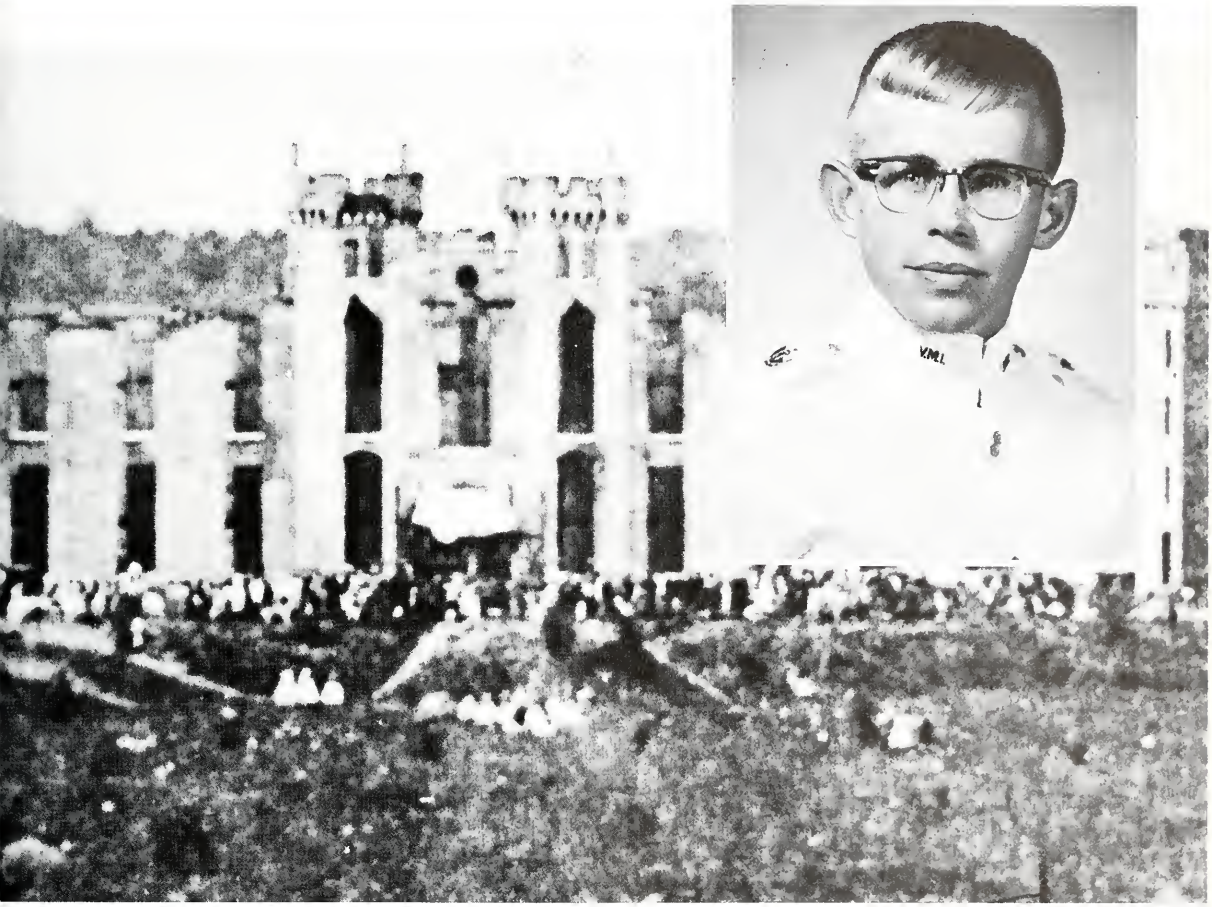

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. . . **Deciding** to take that "cute" Ring Figure date your roommate has set up for you, only to find out that she bears an awesome family resemblance to "Shamu the Killer Whale."

. . . **Having** to wear the same pair of black socks for 5 days straight because your Rat threw out your clean laundry for the fourth week in a row.

. . . **Returning** to your room after late study only to find that your roommates, in an act of kindness, decided to let "Spunky" the Barracks welfare dog share your bed.

. . . **Preparing** to make an X Check to consume massive quantities of java only to find that your roommate has mistaken your favorite coffee mug for his favorite dip cup.

. . . **Being** a First Classman, and having to earn more aerobic points per week than your dyke.

. . . **Going** into the final semester of your Cadetship with a 1.995 GPA, and getting a D in that PE course you'd managed to blow off for the past year and a half.

. . . **Watching** the price of coffee in the PX jump for the third time this semester.

. . . **Having** a week-long nicotine fit when the entire Lexington-Rockbridge area runs out of Copenhagen the night before final exams begin.

. . . **Visiting** the sinks on a Sunday morning following an all out, hell raising Zollman's Party only to find the entire weeks worth of toilet paper stuffed into a single toilet.

. . . **Having** your department head inform you that the graduation requirements for your major have been changed for the seventh time in your cadetship, and once again your're deficient 3 credit hours.

. . . **Deciding** to go to VMI instead of the Citadel because you want a REAL challenge, only to find out that this year's ratline has been discontinued due to lack of interest.

. . . **Being** a Third and thinking anybody really cares.

. . . **Realizing** that the prospect of taking the friend of a friend of a friend's sister's brother-in-law may be your only shot at a Ring Figure date . . . provided she doesn't have an appointment with her orthodontist, dermatologist, optometrist, or backpacking club on that weekend.

. . . **Having** Doc' Old diagnose your illness as a chronic combination of Strep Throat, Bronchitis, Yellow Fever, and The Grip, with a tad of Tendonities thrown in for good measure.

. . . **Lying** in bed for 3 hours trying to get to sleep, only to be awakened 15 minutes later by the OC when he trips over your rack while running his OCMNI.

. . . **Getting** nailed by the Tac for drinking in barracks because he happened to be shooting the breeze with the First Classmen living below you when you hauled the case of "brewski's" up past their window.

. . . **When** you wait 3 hours in the T.V. Room to watch "How the Grinch Stole Chirstmas" only to have it pre-empted by a Billy Graham "Bible-Thumping" special presentation.

. . . **Orbiting** the Parade Deck for a fourth time during practice parade while your date stands in the arch waiting to enjoy a rapidly diminishing period of Dining-with-Date.

. . . **Returning** to the "I" after Christmas Furlough only to find that you are now the subject of a full scale hazing investigation, because your dyke, who didn't return, considered rolling up your hay, making X Checks, and folding your laundry contrary to the Virginia State Code concerning hazing.

. . . **Becoming** a First Classman, and finding that you are now expected to pay the EC debts of the previous 13 Graduating Classes.

. . . **When** your roommate decides to borrow your very last T-Shirt in order to shine his brass and shine his shoes before going on guard, and then carefully folds it up and puts it back in your locker.

. . . **Sending** your dyke to the X to get your supper, and having every member of the First Class stop him on the stoop on his way back, resulting in a snack of cold cheeseburgers, extremely greasy fries, and an unusually warm chocolate shake.

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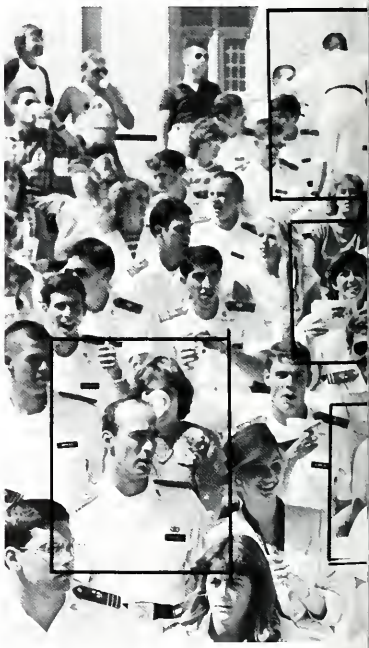

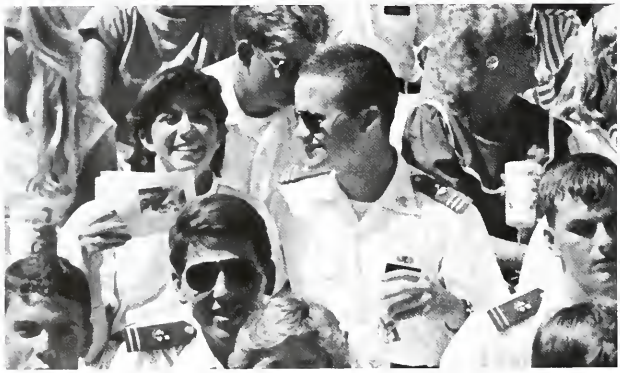

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"I'm sorry, but if Thalman refuses to follow my 'Ranger Tactics,' I just can't accept responsibility for this fiasco!"

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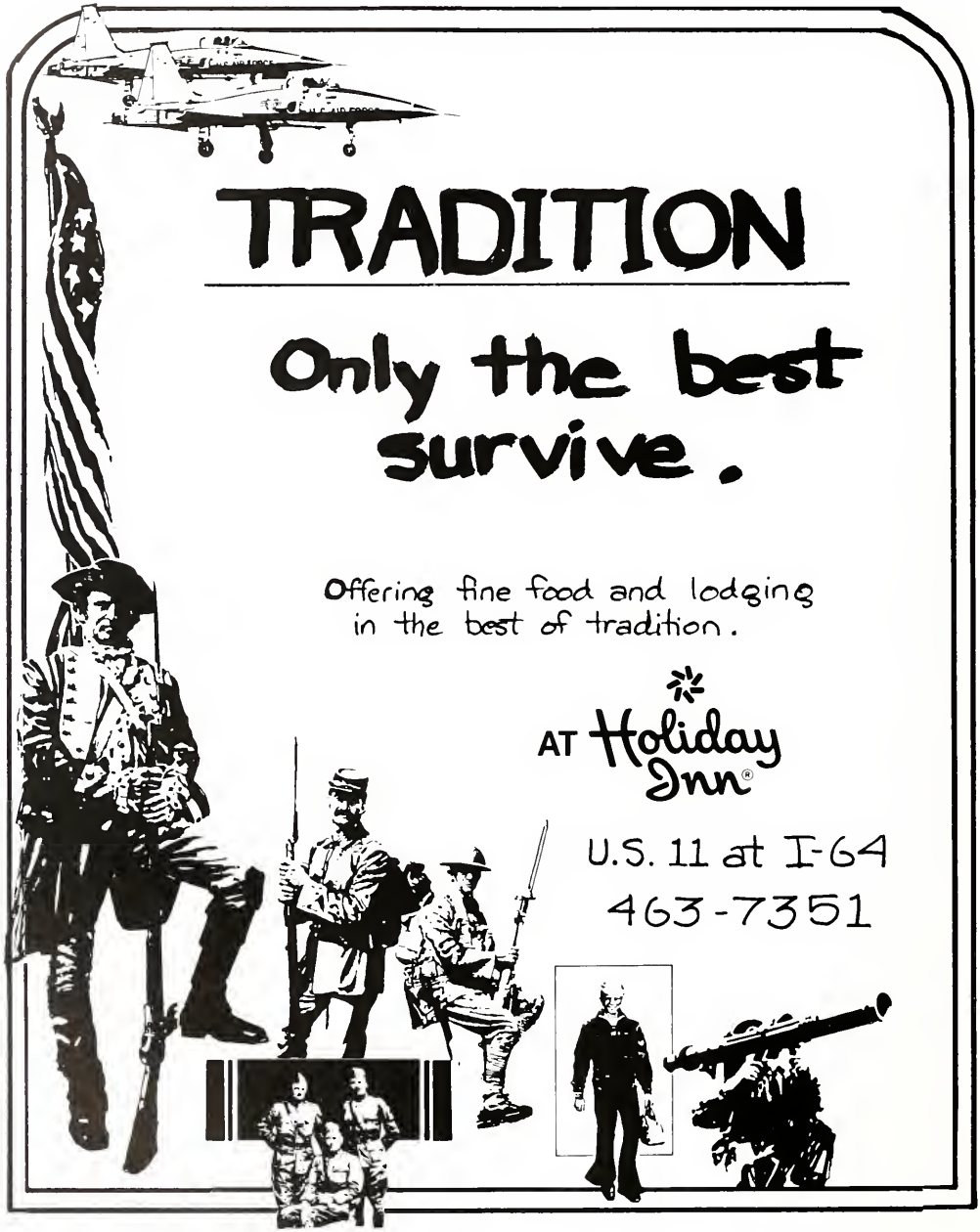
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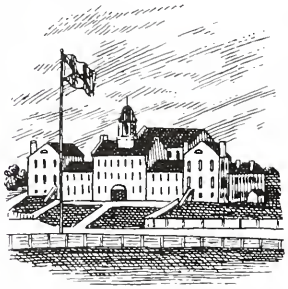

Shortly after 11 a.m. the Confederate battle line moved out. Even in the Cadet's reserve position at the rear, Union artillery and rifle fire took its toll. The Cadets saw violent death for the first time, but they closed ranks and kept moving. Lightning and thunder from passing rainstorms added to the flash and roar of the battle. Their fine uniforms splattered with mud and blood—grim reminders of the Union barrage—they slogged through ankle-deep mire.

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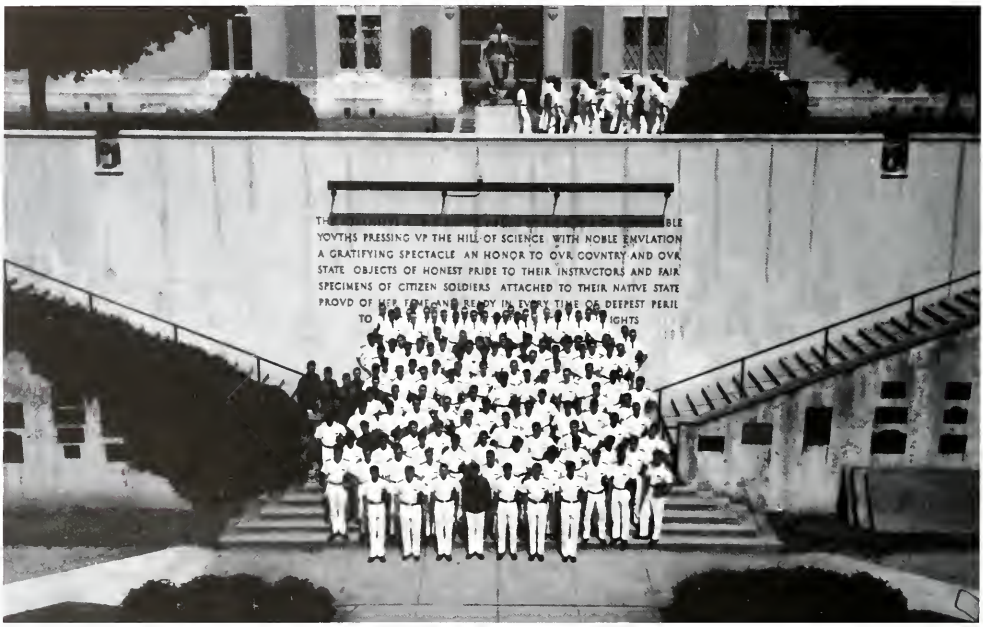

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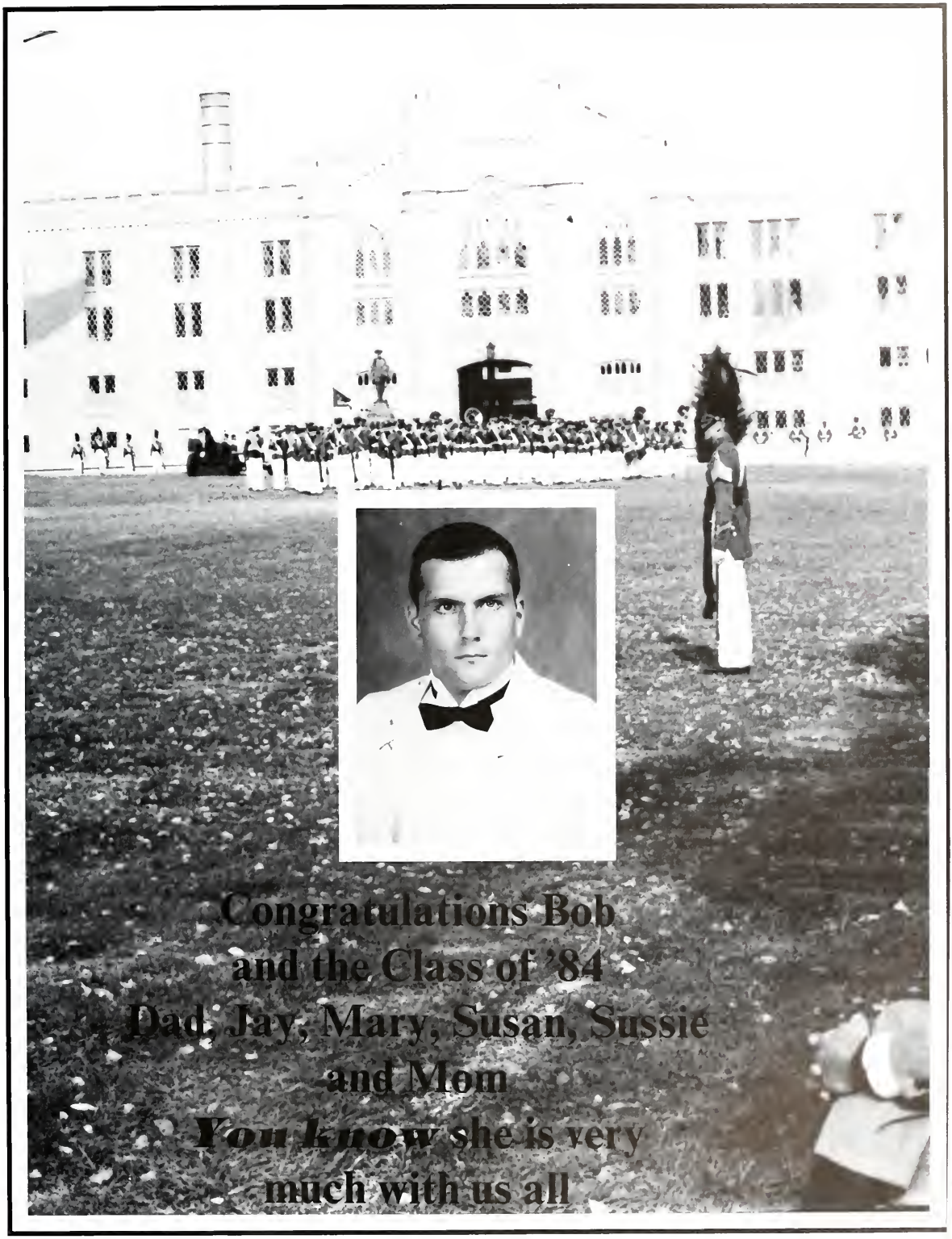
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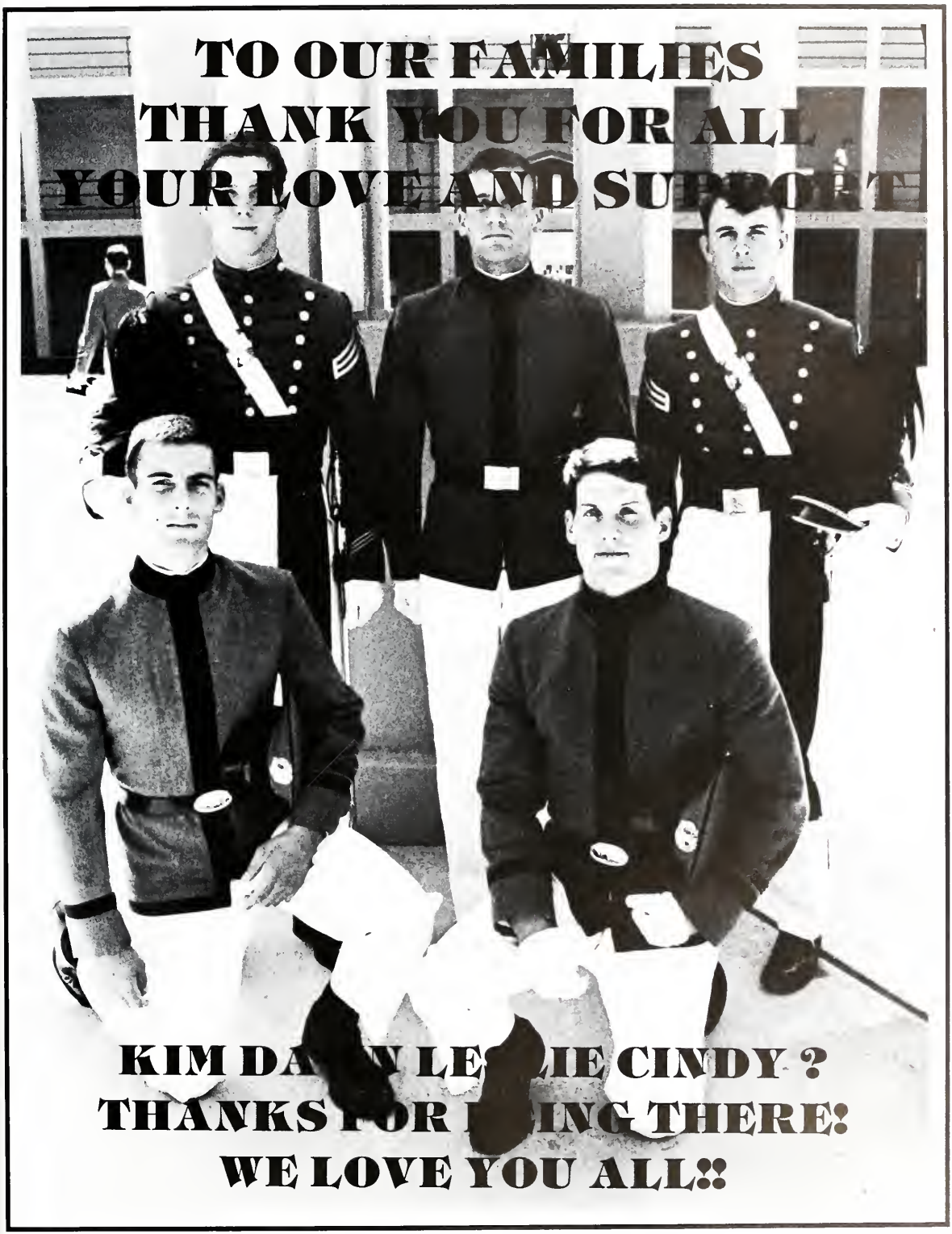
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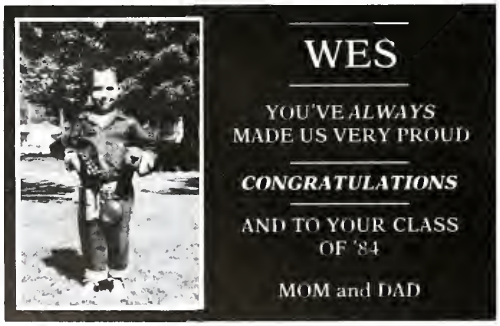

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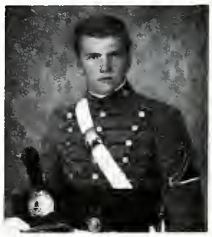

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THANKS DAD

"IF"

If you can keep your head when all about you
  Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust . yourself when all men doubt you,
  But make allowance for their doubting too:
If you can wait and not be tired of waiting,
  Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated don't give way to hating,
  And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;

If you can dream — and not make dreams your master;
  If you can think — and not make thoughts your aim,
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
  And treat those two imposters just the same:
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
  Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
  And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools;

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
  And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings,
  And never breathe a word about your loss:
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
  To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
  Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on!"

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
  Or walk with Kings — nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
  If all men count with you, but none too much:
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
  With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
  And — which is more — you'll be a Man, my son!

Rudyard Kipling

Aug. 24, 1980

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LOVE YOU ALL,

LOVE YOU CHRIS BE VERY HELPFUL TO MOM & DAD AND GOOD LUCK IN SCHOOL

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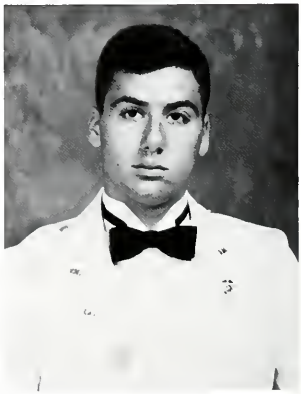

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Is rich enough to suffer loss,
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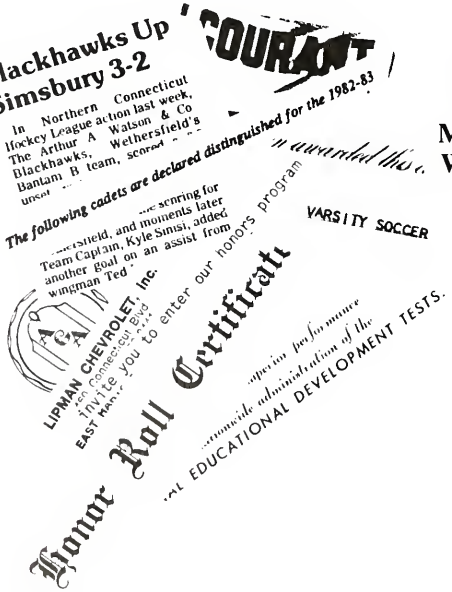

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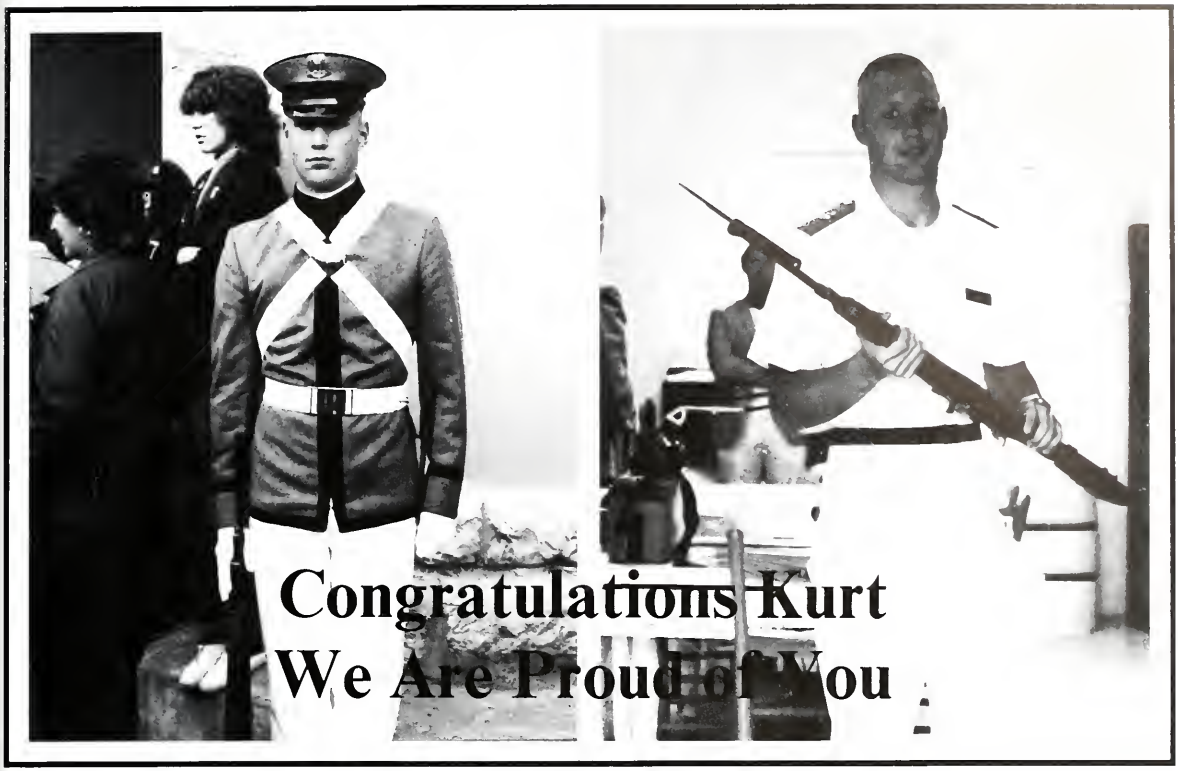

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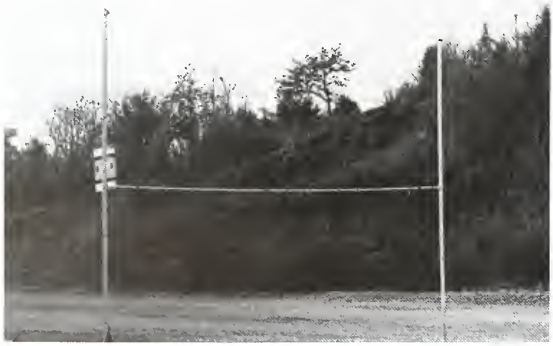

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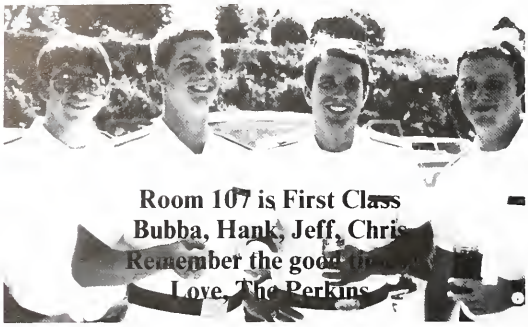

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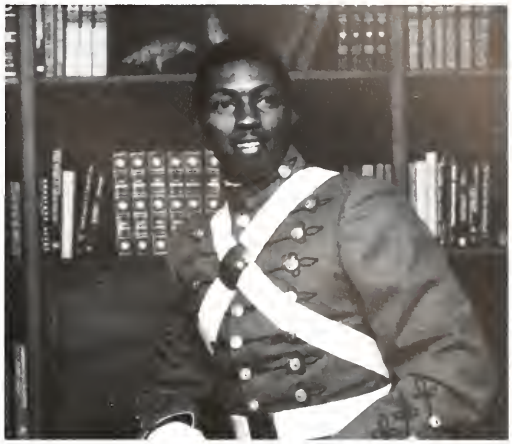

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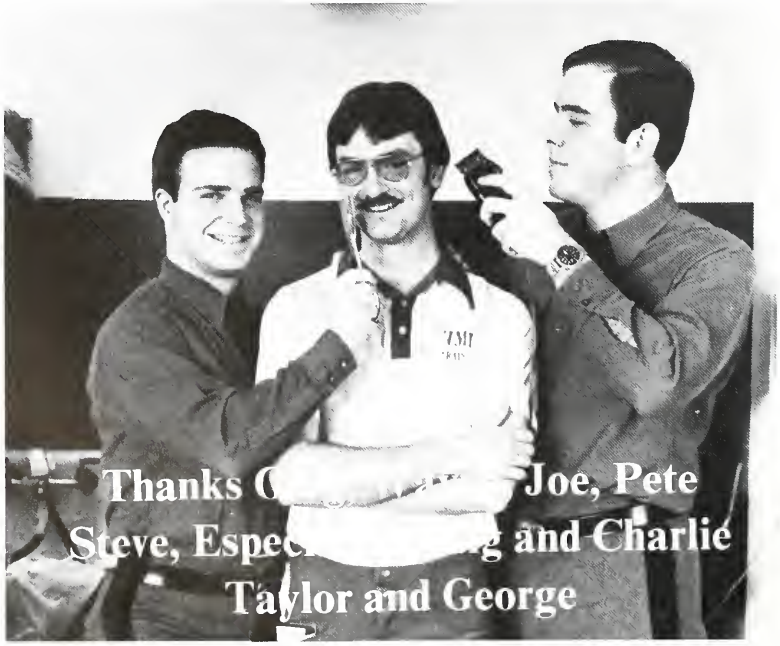

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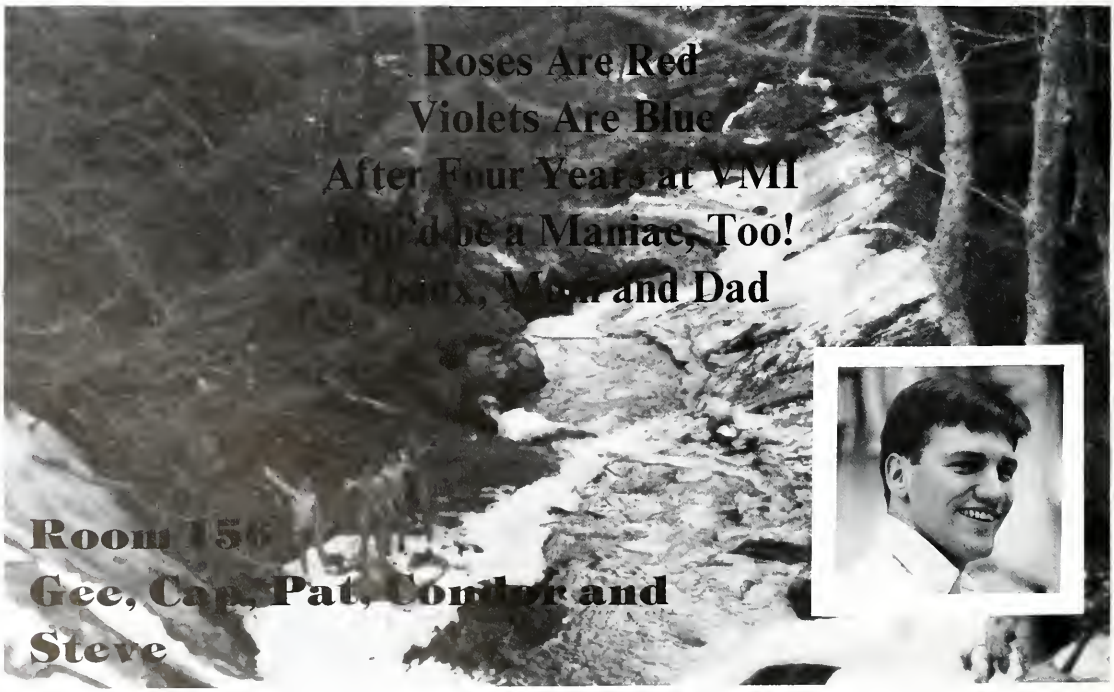
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I wish to end the advertisements with a special dedication. To the women who helped my two best friends and myself get through VMI. I dedicate my work in grateful appreciation to Arthur and James who helped me survive my most trying second class year. Without their guidance and devotion I would have never graduated from VMI. Felicia thanks for being there that last semester without your ever present smile and laughter I would have never made the final stretch. I will never forget or stop loving all of you. Brice Landreau White '84

A Salute to the Dedicated Few . . .

The time has finally come to ship the final pages of the 1984 BOMB to Dallas, Texas for printing . . . aside from an immense feeling of relief at having s cessfully completed the task which I had set out upon many months ago (it actually seems like years!), I must confess a very deep feeling of sorrow. The jol Editor-in-Chief of the BOMB has given my life direction and meaning throughout the past year, and I am deeply honored to have been allowed to join the rank the few VMI men who have earned that privilege before me. I only hope that I have lived up to the performances of my predecessors, and have succeeded in le ing an accurate and interesting account of the year 1984 . . . a very controversial period in the history of this fine Institution. I came into this job with a very na concept of the amount of work involved in publishing a yearbook, and learned through some extremely painful experiences that it is not a task which can be co pleted alone. I owe an immense debt to the members of my staff who remained faithful to the cause from beginning to end. I will even go so far as to thank th who chose to shirk the committments and promises they made by joining our staff, for teaching me some very valuable lessons concerning human nature responsibility. I learned the hard way that there are some people who place friendship and responsibility towards the bottom of their list of priorities, and perse leisure at the top. In order to thank the many people who helped make the '84 BOMB a reality, I'm afraid I would need to add an additional sixteen pages to book . . . maybe more. However, I would like to thank some very special people who I feel were the major force behind the 1984 BOMB. Rod Winebrenner, Activities Editor, Steve Hiller, Sports Editor, Brice White, Advertising, Steve Sinclair, the Third Class Editor, and Ken Hirlinger and Glenn Hoffman the Second Cl Editors . . . these people chose to forfeit many late hours, and passed up more than one weekend to get this book out on time. They were the men who kep the morale on the staff when things looked pretty grim, and it was their dedication which made me proud to say I was a member of this organization. Thank guys . . . I wouldn't have made it without you. Chris Parks, darkroom man extraordinaire, resident BOMB Staff Veteran, and all around handyman . . . thanks the support. You made my job 100 % easier. George Headley, strange as you may seem to most, your solicited, and unsolicited support was a boost everyone . . . me especially. You are a true friend George, thanks for catching me when I stumbled. Artie, although you were a late-comer to the BOMB your c tribution to our book was immense. Without you around for those last days I don't think we would have made it. Major Wilson, and Colonel Jones, thank you lending us the support we needed to do the job, and the breathing room we needed to do it the way we felt it should be done. Well that certainly isn't the en the list, but it will have to do . . . I'm beat! I hope this book lives up to the expectations of those who have awaited its arrival, especially those of my Brother R Unfortunately the time will soon come when our common experiences will be limited to those found only in our memories . . . to that end I can only hope that BOMB will help to perpetuate, and perhaps immortalize those memories.

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